

Today--- ON THE LABOR FRONT AN EDITORIAL

IN the last few short hours, a series of events have given added broad hints as to how Big Business intends to tear down labor's rights through the service rendered by such "labor leaders" as Sidney Hillman.

In the same period, other occurrences have furnished an indication of the course labor can pursue for its own protection, to offset these Big Business schemes. Let us round-up these events and look them over.

NO-STRIKE ORDER

Wage rises are forbidden in commercial shipyards having Navy and commission shipbuilding, in a sudden "order" by Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy. That Col. Knox, who owes his position in the public eye to the Dawes bank and the United States Steel Corporation, should make such an anti-labor order for the benefit of the big steel companies and their shipbuilding auxiliaries, is not surprising.

What would be surprising is if labor fails to fight this order to a finish. Very frankly it was stated that this "freezing of wages" is to act as a prohibition on strikes by unions who would aim at raising wages in one shipment up to the rate paid in a competing yard. It goes without saying that the big corporations are not threatened with a "freezing of profits" by Col. Knox or any one else in the "defense" machinery.

This order is no-strike legislation with a vengeance. Labor, if it is on its toes, will not permit such an order to remain effective.

'COOLING OFF'

WHILE the colonel who owes his all to the steel and oil moguls was thus ham-stringing labor in shipbuilding, "Defense" Director William S. Knudsen was swearing to high heaven that he is opposed to no-strike legislation. Before the House Judiciary Committee, Knudsen said that a no-strike law "might make the situation infinitely worse." Knowing the militancy of the American workers from his own defeat by the United Automobile Workers at Flint and Detroit, Knudsen preferred to get "a cooling off period" by "agreement."

In other words, the sly General Motors executive relies upon "labor leaders" of the type of Hillman to undermine the unions' militancy—and thus permit no-strike legislation of the Knox brand to be smuggled into industry after industry.

'ME, TOO' HILLMAN

THAT Hillman is prepared to do his bit to the utmost in this respect was verified by his own appearance before the House Committee, following Knudsen. To impose "discipline" by "cooperation" was Hillman's formula, which he has worked out to perfection in chiseling the striking aluminum workers down to a two-cent rise per hour. That the "labor" representative on the "defense" machinery is not inclined, at the same time, to penalize corporations violating the labor laws was frankly stated in his statement that they should not be "blacklisted."

The application of this labor term to such corporations as the Ford Motor Corporation is so ironic as to remind the workers definitely of the game in which Hillman is engaged.

FORD'S CONTRACT

EVEN while Hillman was testifying, a new contract to Labor's Enemy No. 1, Henry Ford, was announced by Knudsen with the consent of Hillman. This new attack on the organization drive of the CIO at the Ford plants is to be made, because (said Knudsen) Hillman "is willing to stretch a point."

Is it any wonder that Ford persists in his career of terror in Detroit—causing the police to arrest an NLRB representative and to spy upon prospective witnesses before the Labor Board—when Hillman provides such encouragement to this skulduggery?

BETHLEHEM BATTLE

IS IT any wonder that we also learn that Bethlehem Steel at Lackawanna has locked out 300 workers because of their protest against conditions there—when Hillman has allowed this notorious anti-labor corporation to obtain contract after contract?

Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, has stated that a walk-out of the 14,000 workers in the Lackawanna plant will occur if the dispute is not adjusted.

That is the reply which labor should make to practices of this sort. It is the militancy of labor, and not its acquiescence to the anti-labor "defense" program, which will win gains for the workers and afford them protection.

THE TEACHERS TEACH

THE spirit of such militancy, which can be of value to the entire labor movement, is furnished by the College Teachers Union of New York in refusing to give up its membership lists to the Rapp-Coudert Inquiry. The union will fight the issue in the courts, even going into the federal courts to protect its right of association.

That is a stand which all labor can applaud and emulate. It is a forceful reminder that the union movement of New York and elsewhere can rally more effectively than it has done in defense of the organized teachers' rights.

Browder Speaks at 4 Rallies Here Monday

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4-Browder Defense Rallies Here Monday

Special Arrangements to Handle Overflow Crowd Made

Special arrangements got under way yesterday to provide for anticipated overflow attendance at the four rallies Monday night, when Earl Browder will speak on the politics of the Roosevelt administration which regards Browder's imprisonment as a prerequisite for the complete involvement of this country in war.

To facilitate the handling of the enormous crowds expected at each of the four meetings, the state committee of the Communist Party yesterday urged Bronx residents to attend the rally at Central Opera House, 57th St. and Third Ave., and asked members of the Young Communist League and their friends to attend the Capitol Hotel rally which will be addressed by youth leaders.

Two other rallies the same night will be held at Mecca Temple, 55th St., between Sixth and Seventh Aves.

The state committee explained yesterday that all four rallies are being held in Manhattan because a court order still prohibits Browder from leaving that borough. The restriction was imposed on him during his candidacy as President in the last election campaign.

A nominal admission fee of 20 cents will be made at each meeting to defray expenses, the committee announced.

FOSTER TO SPEAK

Other speakers participating in the four meetings will be William F. Foster, James W. Ford, Robert Minor, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Gil Green, David Eastman, Henry Winston, Richard Bagn, Peter V. Cacchione, Benjamin Davis, Jr., Louis W. Budenz, Paul Novik and Sade Van Veen.

The executive board of the State Young Communist League announced that John Gates, Claudia Jones and Ray Celler will address the Capitol Hotel rally.

A statement issued by the League said Browder's imprisonment proves

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'Lewistown 4' Freed, Defeat War Frame-up

Big Labor Protest Wins Freedom in 'Criminal Syndicalist' Case

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 20. — In a smashing popular victory against war-inspired persecution, the four Lewistown defendants today won their complete freedom from charges of criminal syndicalism.

The freeing of the four defendants who were arrested last July while circulating election petitions for the Communist Party, was hailed here today as an outstanding triumph for the trade union and mass movement which has conducted a bitter struggle against the efforts to railroad these people to jail on long sentences.

Hundreds of trade unionists here kept a steady stream of protests pouring in on State Republican authorities who carried on the persecution campaign where the Democrats, who were defeated in the election, left off.

The large number of protests, in fact, prompted District Attorney Sherman Deutsch to remark that he "didn't know there were that many trade unions in Illinois."

After seven months, the defendants, Dr. Silber, Mary Wilson, Jane Curtis and George Gibbs were dismissed today with the prosecution forced to drop completely the charges of criminal syndicalism.

Defense attorneys of the International Labor Defense, David Rothstein, Max Naiman and Irving Steinberg, pointed out that the case was so flimsy that even the war-minded prosecutors were unable to put it across.

However, the prosecution finally seized on the expedient of pressing "disorderly conduct" charges against the defendants and fines were ordered.



By ELLIS

Dodd Refuses To Give Up Teachers List

Dr. Bella V. Dodd, chairman of the Committee for Defense of Public Education and legislative representative of the New York Teachers Union, last night appeared before the Rapp-Coudert Committee but refused to yield the membership lists of College Teachers Union, Local 537.

She announced that the union will fight the subpoena of the Rapp-Coudert committee as violation of the right of free assembly and free association, and that the union aims to obtain a ruling in Federal court on the principles involved.

"The subpoena violates both my constitutional rights and the constitutional rights of the union," she said.

"The Coudert Committee is attempting to establish a precedent which would threaten the rights of all organizations of labor. The Teachers Union of New York, Local 537 was forced to yield its list and records after a fight of the union in the state court."

"The Coudert Committee's next step was to subpoena the records of Local 537. The intention was

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Save Democracy, Lewis Tells ALP Progressives

The Progressive Committee to Rebuild the American Labor Party made public yesterday a statement from John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in which the former CIO chief likened the present period to that of Washington's time, saying "We are once more confronted with the struggle to preserve and give breadth to our democracy."

Lewis issued his statement to ALP progressives who are celebrating Washington's Birthday with a huge affair on Saturday, at the Royal Windsor, telling them that "no more fitting day" could have been selected to commemorate "the great fight to establish democracy upon these shores."

Saying that Washington's Birthday symbolized the determination of the American people to protect their heritage of freedom and the right to live in peace, Lewis urged each celebrant to "dedicate himself to eternal vigilance that these purposes may endure."

Lewis' message, which appears in the "Liberty Bell Journal" being brought out Saturday by the ALP progressives reads in full:

"No more fitting day could have

been chosen for commemoration by the New York County Committee of the American Labor Party than the birthday of George Washington, father of our country and leader of the American people in that great fight to establish democracy upon these shores. It is a symbol of enduring significance for us all.

"Today we are once more confronted with the struggle to preserve and give breadth to our democracy. The determination of the American people must rise to new heights to protect our heritage; that men shall have freedom; that men shall have certain inalienable rights; that men shall live in peace. Let every one who takes part in your celebration dedicate himself to eternal vigilance that these purposes may endure."

'Jan Valtin' (Richard Krebs) Was Gestapo Spy, Scandinavian Seamen Charged in 1938

By Sender Garlin

The author of the much-publicized "Out of the Night," Richard Krebs—otherwise known as "Jan Valtin," was accused in 1938 of being a Gestapo agent by workers' organizations.

He came to the United States with seaman's papers on a British ship which landed at Norfolk, Va., after he disappeared from Copenhagen when dock workers of that city became suspicious of his activities. Krebs came over on a British ship as a seaman—although British shipping lines invariably refused to hire German seamen.

In his book "Valtin" admits that he obtained release from a Nazi prison by the promise to spy for the Gestapo. He declares, however, that he had no intention of carrying out his mission.

This is challenged, however, by warnings issued against Valtin-Krebs by Scandinavian and German anti-fascist seamen's organizations.

Such a warning was issued by Paa Torn (Stand Watch), monthly organ of the Scandinavian Seamen's Club published in New York for distribution among seamen throughout the world in its January, 1938 issue.

A photograph of Krebs accompanied the statement in Paa Torn. The photograph was the one pasted on Krebs passport issued him by the Nazis in return for services rendered.

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Weather

Local—Partly cloudy and moderately cold; rain or snow Saturday; average temperature about 30.
Eastern New York—Cloudy and continued cold with snow flurries.
New Jersey—Partly cloudy and continued cold.

C.I.O. Steps Up Organization Of Aircraft

Hillman Maps Plans To Force Strike Ban

Seeks 'Agreements' with Labor Officials to Block Walkouts

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Sidney Hillman today revealed before the House Judiciary Committee far-reaching administration plans for a non-strike policy in plants with government arms orders.

Hillman declared that he had "secured commitments from labor leaders that they will not permit strikes to be called until sufficient advance notice has been voluntarily given to the Defense Commission, so that it may be in a position to intervene."

The Associate Director of OPM and president "on leave" of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers also indicated disapproval of the growing movement of labor to get higher wages to meet the skyrocketing cost of living.

He boasted to the committee that there has been "remarkable cooperation in this question of not shooting up wages" from what he repeatedly termed as "responsible labor leaders."

While Hillman attempted to picture the administration no-strike program as one of "voluntary cooperation," he also made it plain that strong government pressure would be exerted to force workers back on their jobs in cases where strikes did take place.

The administration's labor expert said that if the government felt that workers engaged in a strike "were not acting in good faith" in trying to settle the strike "we would publicize that fact."

In addition, Hillman also hinted at the possibility of a special board set up by the President to step into strike situations.

Hillman recently proposed secretly to both the CIO and AFL the setting up of a war-labor board with extensive powers to intervene in strikes. CIO disapproval has so far held up the execution of this plan.

OKAYS FORD CONTRACT

For the first time Hillman made it known publicly that he had approved the awarding of a \$122,000 contract to Henry Ford as "ab-

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Frankenstein Named to Head Drive; to Set Up Regional Offices

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—CIO president Philip Murray today announced an intensified organization drive throughout the nation's aircraft industry.

As director of the aircraft drive, Murray appointed Richard T. Frankenstein, a member of the executive board of the United Automobile Workers Union.

Frankenstein will make his headquarters in Detroit and will set up regional offices in Southern California, New York City and other areas. Walter Smethurst was appointed by Murray to assist Frankenstein.

"The CIO," Murray said, "contemplates an immediate and thorough campaign to bring the aircraft workers the benefits of collective bargaining. We shall endeavor to effectuate constructive agreements which will ensure peaceful labor relations in a most vital defense industry."

TO JOIN U.A.W.

"The campaign will be directed by the CIO through an agreement with the United Automobile Workers, CIO. The organized local unions become affiliated with the UAW-CIO which already has agreements with thirteen aircraft corporations and has requested labor board elections in a number of others."

"The machinery and organizing staffs of the CIO and the UAW-CIO will be lent to the prosecution of this drive, which will complete organization by the CIO of the major defense industries, including steel, automobiles, aircraft, shipbuilding, coal, metal mining and machine building."

"We look forward to the unionization campaign in aircraft with a minimum of bickering. The evident desire of the aircraft workers for organization and the legal machinery at hand to make collective bargaining a fact give assurance that, given a cooperative spirit on the part of the industry, no strikes will be necessary."



"JAN VALTIN" AS HE LOOKED ON NAZI PASSPORT—Reproduction of warning published in "Paa Torn," organ of the Scandinavian seamen, against the activities of "Jan Valtin" (Richard Krebs). Translation of text of statement which accompanies photo is found in story in adjoining column.

Farmers Charge Passage of F.D.R. 'Lend Lease' Bill Will 'Send More Farmers Than Food' to Europe

APM Reveals Farm Leaders Anti-Bill Stand

Declare Wallace Made 'Shameless Practical Bid' for Support

Should the Lend-Lease Bill become law, the United States is more likely to send "vast quantities of farmers than of food" to Great Britain, farm leaders from the major agricultural sections of the country warned yesterday.

In a joint statement, issued through the American Peace Mobilization, the farm leaders also charged Vice-President Henry A. Wallace with making a "shameless political bid" for farm support for the Lend-Lease Bill by "uttering empty and worthless words about becoming a 'lender' for the world."

Participation in war, they maintained, is no solution to the perennial farm crisis. Economic democracy must be extended in America, they urged, so that the undernourished and ill-fed can make use of "plough-under surpluses." To work to that end, and to initiate a people's movement to keep America from active participation in the war, they called upon farmers and farm organizations to participate in the American People's Meeting in New York City, on April 5th and 6th.

ENDORSERS

Endorsers of the statement were: Gerald Harris, Sr., vice-president of the Alabama Farmers' Union; Charles Eley, manager of the Farmers Union Livestock Commission of Minnesota and Montana; Reverend Owen Whitfield, vice-president of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America; Elmer McCain, chairman of the Farm Problems Commission of the National Farmers Guild and supervisor of Runnymede Farm, Ohio; H. R. Lenox, chairman of the Ohio Farmers Union; H. S. Bruce, editor of the Montana Union Farmer; and Solon Phillips, of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union.

"The American farmers remember too well the consequences of the last war to be tricked by high-sounding words into giving their support to a bill to plunge us into the midst of another, the results of which would be even more disastrous," they maintained.

Referring to the recent statement by Vice-President Wallace, that Britain may eventually need vast quantities of corn, wheat, meat and other products from this country, the farm leaders' statement pointed out that even Wallace admitted that the problem was a "complicated" one, and that the prospects of such aid were "remote."

DELUSION

"It is sheer delusion to expect any good to come to farmers from United States' participation in the European war," the statement asserted. "It is no delusion that if this country gets into the war through passage of the Lend-Lease Bill, vast quantities of farmers that of food will be shipped to Great Britain."

After fighting the last war, the farm leaders maintained, farmers returned home to tremendously increased debts and mortgages, to sharp price declines, and to a "tremendous wave of foreclosures and evictions."

"The present war, too, they said, has meant nothing but economic hardship to farmers which will only increase if the United States undertakes more aggressive participation in it."

"For farmers, as for the rest of the country, economic security can be found only in the maintenance of peace and in the extension of democracy, on the road toward which the American People's Meeting will mark a tremendous stride forward."

Nazis Intensify Attacks Upon British Ships

BERLIN, Feb. 20 (UP).—Intensified air bombing of British shipping in the North Atlantic was so successful today that the loss of seven ships "may be reckoned," German sources claimed, bringing to 13 the number of British vessels reported sunk during the last 24 hours.

In addition, the Germans claimed to have damaged severely five others during this period, including a destroyer set afire off Harwich and a cruiser damaged by bombs which struck near its bow during an attack on the harbor of Benghazi in North Africa.

Australia Premier May Come Here to See FDR

LONDON, Feb. 20 (U).—Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies of Australia may go to the United States to discuss the situation in the Far East with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Australian sources said tonight.

Call Women's Peace Rallies On Washington's Birthday

APM Announces Pickets Will Demonstrate Before Congressman Bloom's Home Here; Delegation to Call on Sen. Wagner

Washington's Birthday will be the occasion for mass public demonstrations against HR 1776 in twenty different areas of the city, Dr. Walter Scott Neff, executive secretary of the American Peace Mobilization's New York Council announced yesterday.

Paris Mothers Riot for Milk For Babies

Nazis Accuse Communists of 'Provoking' Struggle for More Food

VICHY, Feb. 20 (UP).—The first food riots in Paris occurred in three workers' suburbs late yesterday when mothers demanded milk for their children, according to reports reaching Vichy.

The disorders, said to have been on a small scale, occurred in the suburbs of Brunoy, Suresnes and Saint Denis de Paris. Authorities of the German-held capital accused Communists of "provoking" the troubles.

Simultaneously in the three suburbs mothers swarmed around the town halls, holding their children in the air and shouting demands that they be given milk.

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"the grim intention of the capitalist class to send an expeditionary force to Europe." The League pledged to recruit 500 new members within the next few weeks.

CHICAGO RALLY ON THURSDAY

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Full preparations got under way here today for a gigantic "Free Browder" rally to be held Thursday, Feb. 27, in Ashland Auditorium, at which Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, co-worker of Browder, will be the principal speaker.

FOSTER AT BOSTON, FEB. 26

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—William Z. Foster will be the principal speaker at a great Free Browder rally in the historic old South Meeting Hall here on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 8 P. M. It was announced today by the state committee of the Communist Party.

Other speakers will include Anne Bursack, state secretary of the Party; Jack Green, administrative secretary; and Otis Hood, state chairman.

The state committee has urged that all other meetings and affairs be postponed for that night be called off to insure an overflow attendance at the protest meeting.

FLYNN, GATES AT BALTIMORE

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Feb. 20.—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and John Gates, executive secretary of the New York State Young Communist League and a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, were announced today as the principal speakers at a great "Free Browder" rally to be held at Fidelity Hall here Sunday, March 23.

MINOR, JOHNSON AT CLEVELAND

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, Feb. 20.—Response to a call for a great "Free Browder" rally on Sunday, March 2, indicates an overflow crowd will jam the Public Auditorium to protest the Roosevelt plunge to war.

Robert Minor, co-worker of Browder, and Arnold Johnson, state secretary of the Communist Party, will be the principal speakers.

Workers School Calls Off Monday Classes

The Workers School announced yesterday that all classes scheduled for Monday have been postponed (that students may attend the meetings called that evening to protest the Browder decision.

Feature of these demonstrations will be a mass delegation of several hundred persons to Senator Robert F. Wagner, who will be asked to vote against the President's War Powers Bill, now being debated in the Senate.

Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, chairman of the Women's Division of APM will head a special women's picketline which will first demonstrate before Congressman Bloom's home and then proceed to participate in the delegation to Senator Wagner.

APM STATEMENT

"On the birthday of the founder of our nation," Dr. Neff stated, "the people of our city will demonstrate their will to preserve the democratic institutions and way of life for which the American Revolution was fought. President Roosevelt's determination to destroy our democracy by involving our country in another war for profit is symbolized by his infamous War Powers Bill. Although the United States Congress may be prepared to abdicate its power to Wall Street, Washington's Birthday in New York will make it clear that the people are determined to protect their hard-won liberties."

Persons who wish to participate in the mass delegation to Senator Wagner are informed that the mobilization point for the demonstration will be at the headquarters of the Yorkville Peace Council, at 356 E. 78th St. The demonstrators will gather at 1 P. M. Saturday afternoon.

Sofia Foresees Jugo-Bulgar Agreement

ZURICH, Switzerland, Feb. 20 (UP).—Authoritative sources at Sofia reported today that Bulgaria and Jugoslavia probably would announce within the next few days a non-aggression declaration similar to that between Bulgaria and Turkey.

Any declaration, informants said, would contain the clause of the Turkish-Bulgarian agreement which specified that previously existing agreements were not affected.

It was asserted also that Germany was behind the move for a Bulgarian-Jugoslav declaration.

Informants at Bulgaria said negotiations for such a declaration had been nearly completed.



Army Gun Hurls 260-Pound Shells 18 Miles: Officers hold their hands over their ears as a new 8-inch railroad gun is tested at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. The overall length of the weapon and its mount is 49 feet 6 inches. The carriage is ten feet wide. Four such guns comprise a battery during combat work.

Say Germans Cross Danube In 'Practice'

But Rumania Denies Troops Entered Bulgaria

ZURICH, Feb. 20 (UP).—German troops were reported today to have thrown a pontoon bridge across the Danube and entered Bulgaria at a point near Ruschuk, an important communications center, in what may have been a "practice maneuver" for an impending large-scale Nazi occupation.

(The Rumanian censorship held back Bucharest accounts of the crossing of the German troops from Rumanian to Bulgarian soil, according to private advices received in New York.)

In Sofia it was denied officially that any pontoon bridge had been thrown across the Danube by the Germans today but informed Bulgarian quarters insisted that the crossing had occurred.

An unspecified number of German military engineers were said to have crossed the bridge and to have remained working on the Bulgarian side until late afternoon.

Another pontoon bridge was thrown across the Danube about a week ago some 50 miles up the river from Ruschuk, it was understood, but after a number of troops had crossed they returned to Rumania and the bridge was withdrawn. The operation had been regarded as a practice crossing, as today's also may have been, according to Bulgarian reports.

CIO Council Here Backs Rescue Ship Mission

Also Votes Support for College Teachers Against Demands for Their Membership Rolls; Endorses Connolly for Congress

Acting on the recommendation of its executive committee, the Greater New York Industrial Union Council at its meeting in Manhattan Center last night voted support of the American Rescue Ship Mission to bring Spanish refugees from France to Mexico.

In taking the action the Council noted that among the refugees are many active trade unionists of Spain.

Acting on further recommendations of the executive committee the Council went on record for support of the College Teachers' Union's fight to prevent the Rapp-Coudert Committee from seizing its membership lists.

The Council further voted endorsement of Eugene P. Connolly, chairman of the Manhattan American Labor Party, as candidate for Congress in the 17th District to fill the vacancy left by the late Kenneth Simpson.

Joseph Curran, reporting on his testimony before the Senate hearings on the Lease-Lend bill, declared that the Council is planning activities on several fronts to combat the dictatorship bill.

Among the activities is a projected mass meeting tentatively set for March 6 at which the Council is seeking to get Senator Burton K. Wheeler as speaker. Curran further announced that the Council is backing the People's Congress being

Embassy Blames Lovcen Owner In Permit Ban

Not Opposed to Refugee Rescue Mission Itself, Says Secretary to Lord Halifax; Observers See Reaction to Flood of Protests

Despite their blacklist of the S.S. Lovcen, mercy ship chartered to transport Spanish Republican refugees to this continent, British authorities insist that they do not oppose the American Rescue Ship Mission as such.

This apparent softening of the British government attitude was made known here by Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the United Spanish Aid Committee, parent group of the Mission, in the course of a speech at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave.

Addressing 2,000 friends of the Rescue Mission, gathered at a bon voyage party, Barsky disclosed the contents of a letter from A. K. Helm, secretary to Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, to the Rev. Verlyn Sprague, chairman of the church division of the Spanish Aid.

NO RELATION TO MISSION

Wrote Helm: "I should like, in conclusion, to stress that the refusal of a ship's warrant for the Lovcen has no relation whatsoever to the purpose for which it is proposed to use her in the immediate future, and that in particular it must not be read as implying any disapproval by the British Government of the scheme with which your committee are associated."

The letter to Dr. Sprague followed a meeting between a delegation of ministers and Helm in Washington Tuesday.

While Barsky did not allude to protest messages that have been bombarding the Embassy since the blacklist was announced, from other sources it was learned that Lord Halifax and his attaches are considerably worried about the unfavorable reaction to the British bar on the Lovcen. In some quarters the Helm letter was considered an attempt to mollify many supporters of the Rescue Mission who desire resettlement of the Spanish Loyalist refugees.

OPPOSED TO OWNER

British opposition is not to the Mission but the Lovcen's owner, Helm claimed, saying that the shipowner could "take steps to satisfy the British government" and thus obtain a sailing warrant.

"I am afraid that a certain misapprehension exists regarding the S.S. Lovcen which has been refused a ship's warrant by the British Ministry of Shipping," Helm wrote.

"As I told you, a warrant is in the nature of a passport, which enables a ship holding it to obtain British coaling, insurance, and other facilities throughout the world, and you will readily understand that the British Government are not prepared to grant such facilities to ships belonging to owners who operate them in a manner detrimental to the British cause at the present time. The system has been in force for some months, but the Ministry of Shipping have recently confirmed their decision that they are not in present circumstances prepared to grant warrants to ships belonging to or associated with the Lovcen's owner."

"Whether the latter should wish

to take steps to satisfy the British Government with a view to clearing the way for obtaining warrants for his ship is, of course, a matter for himself alone."

ASK RESCINDING OF RULING

Declining to comment on the controversy between the Lovcen's owner and the British government, Dr. Barsky made it clear that his committee was seeking the rescinding of the blacklist.

"We are hoping that the British Ministry of Shipping will make an exception in this case and grant the Lovcen a limited warrant, good at least for this one trip," he said. "We feel that, in view of the humanitarian aspect of this project, the fact that this ship will carry no cargo, the urgency of the situation confronting the Spanish refugees and the delay that will result in trying to get another ship, we urge the British Ministry of Shipping to grant this warrant."

"In the meantime, we still feel that a ship is the only logical answer to the problem. We will look for other ships. We hope that other groups and other committees will also do so. We will do what we can, and pledge our full assistance and resources to any group that will undertake such a project."

The ship was chartered on Feb. 1. A deposit of \$25,000 was paid on the vessel. The British blacklist was handed down Feb. 8.

Other speakers included William Dodd, son of the former ambassador to Germany; Dan Gilmore, publisher of the weekly magazine, Friday, and Herman Shumlin, theatrical producer.

APM to Picket Hall Which Was Refused for Rally

The Westchester Peace Council of the American Peace Mobilization today announced a week-end picket line in front of the Imperial Gardens, at 1308 Colgate Ave., the Bronx, which refused its hall Wednesday night for a mass protest meeting against the Lend-Lease Bill. The management of Imperial Gardens had previously accepted a deposit from the Peace Council and given a receipt.

The meeting was held in the IWO hall at 1590 Westchester Ave. It was followed by another protest meeting last night, at which plans were made for the picketline.

The week-end action is receiving the support of the local Workers' Alliance and the IWO, as well as of the Peace Council. The picketing is planned for Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Superiority of Socialist Economy Over Capitalist System of Production Shown At 18th Conference; Soviet Production Rise 500% Above U. S. Increase

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 20.—Centering attention on the immediate goal of the Soviet Union to become fully independent of capitalist economy, particularly in the field of metallurgy and machine building, Ivestia today in commenting on the current 18th Conference of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union cites facts and figures to show the absolute superiority of the Socialist system of economy over capitalism.

Taking the pre-crisis 1929 level of production as 100, Ivestia shows that the United States reached a figure of 111 in 1940, whereas the Soviet Union achieved the record height of 534.

Pointing out that neither war nor crises can slow the steady development of Socialist economy, Ivestia declares that the present imperialist war nevertheless imposes certain conditions on Soviet planned economy, and that the "Bolshevik Party and the Soviet government are taking all necessary measures to arm its national economy with advanced technique and to keep the country in a state of preparedness."

The 18th Party conference attended by Communist leaders representing every industry in every part of the country, is giving its main consideration to the tasks of the Party in industry and transport.

THE EDITORIAL

The full editorial of Ivestia, under the title "The Great Plan of the Fourth Year of the Third Five Year Plan," follows:

"The results of the past year and of the first three years of the Third Five Year Plan as a whole, as well as the 1941 plan, strikingly illustrate the superiority of the Socialist system over the capitalist system."

"Soviet economy is not affected by the blows of crises and wars which is periodically the case with capitalist economy. For the USSR every year covered is a year of new Socialist progress."

"Neither the economic crisis in capitalist countries nor the raging imperialist war stopped or could stop the victorious development of Socialist economy."

"Nevertheless, the lessons of the present war hold a certain significance for the USSR as well. At the 18th Conference it has been pointed out that the present imperialist war, if regarded from a technical and economic point of view, is a war of engines—engines in the air and engines on land."

"The engine demands a high degree of technique, much oil and non-ferrous metals. The entire industry of capitalist countries, including that of the United States, is being readjusted in this direction."

"The present imperialist war is also a war of reserves. Its protracted and destructive nature demands tremendous raw material, fuel and production reserves of the belligerents."

COMPARE PRODUCTION LEVELS

"Naturally, the Soviet Union cannot but take account of these technical, economic and other specific features of the present war. Hence the Bolshevik Party and the Soviet government are taking all

necessary measures to arm its national economy with advanced technique and to keep the country in a state of preparedness."

"It is necessary only to compare the indices of the growth in the level of production between the USSR and the United States during the last few years. If we take the 1929 level, the pre-crisis level of capitalism, as 100, we see that in 1940 the level of production in the United States reached 111, whereas in the USSR the level of production for the same years rose to 534."

"Such are the impressive figures showing the superiority of the Socialist system over the capitalist."

"The national economy of the USSR is developing in a planned manner according to the laws of extended Socialist reproduction. This above all means a steady growth in production in all branches of national economy."

"Industrial output in the past three years of the Third Five Year Plan increased by 44 per cent, including the output of the machine building industry which grew by 76 per cent."

"As regards the output of defense industry, the Soviet people spared no means for the production of planes, tanks, armaments and warships, bearing in mind that in conditions of capitalist encirclement our power should always be kept dry to avoid being caught unaware."

"The production of the means of production in industry increased by 52 per cent as compared with 1937, and the production of means of consumption increased by 33 per cent."

"Steady progress is also witnessed

in Socialist agriculture. The output of grain crops in 1940 amounted to nearly 5 billion bushels. 1940 also saw considerable increase in the number of head of cattle in collective farms."

"Extended Socialist reproduction further means a steady growth of Socialist accumulation. This is seen above all in the figures of capital investments, which amounted to 108 billions of rubles in three years of the Third Five Year Plan."

PAYROLLS UP 30 PER CENT

"A total of 2,900 new enterprises (excluding industry of local character) began operations during this period. In order to realize the tremendous growth in the output of fuel, electric power, cast iron and cotton in the Soviet Union during the first three years of the Third Five Year Plan it should be remembered that only 1,500 industrial enterprises in all were put in operation during the entire First Five Year Plan period."

"Extended Socialist reproduction further means the steady growth of the material well-being of the working people, the growth of their consumption. In the three years of the Third Five Year Plan payrolls have increased by 50 per cent, amounting to 123,700,000,000 rubles in 1940. The cash incomes of collective farms increased from 14,200,000,000 rubles in 1937 to 18,300,000,000 rubles in 1939. Preliminary data for 1940 show a further considerable increase in collective farm income in cash and kind."

"In 1941 the Soviet people will have to solve even greater tasks compared with the preceding year. The basic tasks in the 1941 plan are the following:

"The Soviet Union has already

attained the independence of Socialist economy. Now the USSR has to strengthen the self-sufficiency and independence of Socialist economy in relation to capitalist encirclement, to be independent of capitalist economy particularly in metallurgy and machine building."

"This task in the 1941 plan is being solved by speeding up the growth of production of special types of machines and rare metals and also by the construction of new enterprises especially in the spheres of machine building and metallurgy."

"In 1941 Soviet industry is to raise its gross output to 182,000,000,000 rubles, or to achieve an increase of 17 to 18 per cent compared with 1940."

"Agriculture will advance along the path of further increase in grain and technical crops, and particularly in vegetable and melon crops, and a further upward trend in collective farm cattlebreeding."

PLANS FOR 1941

"The 1941 plan raises the important task of raising the productivity of labor in industry and construction by 12 per cent and lowering the cost of industrial production by 3.7 per cent. Capital investments in 1941 will total 57,000,000,000 rubles."

"An important feature of the economic program for the current year, as in preceding Socialist plans, is the rapid growth of the means of production. Compared with last year, the production of articles of consumption will increase by 9 per cent, whereas the production of the means of production will increase by 23.5 per cent."

"This rate of accelerated growth of the means of production strik-

ingly reflects the progressive tendency of development of Socialist society which is steadily driving its productive forces forward."

"The 1941 plan provides for a tremendous improvement in the material and cultural level of the people of the USSR, a growth in the number of workers office employees, intellectual workers, a growth in the number of students in secondary schools and universities, and a growth in expenditures on social measures."

"Vast sums are being invested in the development of the national economy of Union Republics, particularly the new Baltic, Moldavia and Karelo-Finnish Socialist Soviet Republics."

"The great 1941 plan of national economy awakens in every Soviet person a pride in the successes of the land of Socialism, it gives rise to an influx of new forces, to a desire to work better and more selflessly."

"All the prerequisites were prepared in 1940 to accelerate the rate of development of the whole of national economy compared with the first years of the Third Five Year Plan."

"The centering of attention of Party organizations on industry and transport is one of the prerequisites."

"The program of 1941 is an absolute reality. Stalin in one of his speeches has said that 'what makes our production plan real is millions of working people who are creating a new life. What makes the plan real is willing people. It is you and I, our will to work, our readiness to work in a new way, our determination to carry out the plan.'"

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Invoking world-war anti-labor policies through a committee recently appointed by Sidney Hillman, Col. Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, and Rear Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, today ordered all navy yards and shipbuilding firms to "freeze" wages and hold off consideration of any demands for increases.

The order issued in a letter, was obviously aimed at the rapid movement gaining momentum among the shipyard workers for higher wages, with several strikes now in progress.

The order granted exemption only in the case of a number of yards where negotiations for contracts are now in progress. This provision appears the AFL union officials at Washington and the Hillmanite heads of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, CIO.

The wages and working conditions at shipyards are to stay "frozen" pending action by the industry's "stabilization committee" which begins meetings at Washington tomorrow.

The "stabilization committee" of 12 members was named by Sidney Hillman recently "to explore ways and means to stabilize the employment in the shipyards."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The members on that committee representing unions are John Green, president, and Phillip Van Gelder, secretary-treasurer of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, both avowed Hillman followers and fully in accord with the policy of "sacrifice" for "all-aid to Britain." Also John P. Frey, head of the AFL metal trades Department and Harvey Brown, President of the International Association of Machinists, AFL.

Four members represent the employers and four "public" representatives consist of such notorious anti-labor reactionaries as Land, Morris L. Cooke, an aide of Hillman was named chairman.

One of the principal objects of this Hillman set-up is to prevent strikes. Already there is agreement on a plan that would tie shipyard workers to the yards that employ them, preventing them from shifting to others where they may be able to obtain more favorable wages or conditions.

The telegram to shipbuilders containing the Land-Knox order, notes that the Navy has an "interest" in the yards because of its \$90,000,000 in orders placed with them. The wire further refers to a meeting

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MARTIN MACKIE

Communist
Files to Run
As Mayor
Of DuluthDuluth Leader States
His Platform Is for
Peace, Security

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 20. — In filing as candidate for mayor in Duluth's primary election, March 15, Martin Mackie, Minnesota, chairman of the Communist Party, yesterday pledged himself to work energetically to help "the working people of this city struggle every day for their economic and political rights, for jobs, decent wages and against our involvement in the imperialist war."

Mackie, who is widely known to the workers and farmers of this area, was the Communist Party's candidate for governor of Minnesota in last fall's election. In a statement issued yesterday, the Communist candidate for mayor declared:

"I am filing as a candidate for mayor, with the endorsement of the Communist Party in this city, in order to give voice and organized expression to the deepest desires of the majority of our citizens for democracy, economic security and peace. Every day, the conditions of our working people are being undermined by the drive of the steel barons, financiers, and Wall Street political agents toward involvement in the European war for their profits."

Amter to Speak at Phila.
Forum on Sunday

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20. — Israel Amter, Chairman of the Communist Party of New York State, will discuss "A Foreign Policy for America" at the People's Forum on Sunday, Feb. 23. This meeting, at 810 Locust Street, will mark Amter's first public appearance in this city in a number of years. The Forum Committee announced that this affair will be turned into a protest against the criminal persecution of Earl Browder. The meeting will begin at 8:30 P.M. and the subscription price will be the usual 25 cents.

Boston Strike
Forces Firm to
Reopen Parley

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—Following a two-day stoppage of the 800 workers at the large Boston plant of the Heald Seal Shoe Corporation the company agreed to re-open negotiations with the United Shoe Workers Union, CIO.

The union demands a flat 20 per cent increase and reduction of the speed-up, especially in the stitching room.

Frank McGrath, general organizer of the USW, is heading the committee on negotiations.

Rapp Has
New Plan to
Cut Aid to
EducationWill Offer Latest 'Blitz'
Plan to Legislature
This Year

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, Feb. 20.—A plan to cut State aid to education based on the school districts' ability to make up the amount lost by such reduction will be offered to the State Legislature this year, Assemblyman Herbert A. Rapp, Republican of Genesee, announced today.

Rapp, who is chairman of the joint legislative committee investigating the State's schools, and is avowedly seeking reduction of school costs, disclosed his formula in a speech before the ninth annual meeting of county supervisors and town councilmen at Chancellor's Hall.

He advanced his plan after criticizing the flat 2 per cent cut suggested by Gov. Herbert H. Lehman last month in his annual budget message.

"The Governor has again recommended a 2 per cent cut in state aid," said Rapp. "We are not entirely in sympathy with this method of cutting state aid."

"We believe that the cut should be made on the basis of the district's ability to make up the amount lost by such reduction in aid. We intend to offer such a plan to the legislature this year."

Rapp's scheme, which will be presented to the legislature in the report of his committee, will most seriously affect communities like New York City, which Rapp and his friends view as being in a better position than other municipalities to take a cut in State aid.

WANTS 12 MILLION CUT

The Genesee assemblyman made it plain that he would propose a substantial reduction in State aid. While he mentioned no specific figure it was recalled that at the beginning of his investigation he suggested State aid be cut by \$12,000,000. Attack on the New York school system as "Red" by his committee is considered by many observers part of the strategy to bring about the reduction desired by large realty interests.

"There are a number of people who think we have reached the peak," he said significantly, pointing to the rise of State aid from \$6,281,000 in 1915 to \$115,000,000 in 1939-40.

The State Chamber of Commerce and similar organizations have raised the cry for the last few years that State aid has reached its "peak."

The Rapp committee will also propose a change in the small rural schools with an attendance of five pupils or less and a "financial ceiling" upon central school building costs, he said.

In one district which pays \$900 a year in taxes, the cost of transporting such children is about \$900 a year, Rapp said. The same district does not carry its own public school children.



Gathering Annual Ice Harvest: Workers saving ice on Dixon's Pond, in Rockaway Valley, near Bounton, N. J., where the cutting has been carried on every winter since the late Cyrus Dixon started the business in 1890. His grandfather dammed up the pond to furnish waterpower for his iron forge.

Boston CIO
Council Hits
FDR War BillCouncil Also Protests
New Gov't Drive
Against Bridges

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Feb. 20. — The first meeting of the newly re-organized Greater Boston CIO Council was the largest in attendance since the Council was established.

The officers, who were appointed by Brophy, CIO Industrial Councils Director, after the re-organization conference, were installed at the meeting. They were: Ralph Hall, United Mine Workers, Local 12003, president; John Hurvich, Steel and Metal Workers' Local 311, vice-president; Charles Kowalsky, Local 12003 (Miners), secretary; and John Cavanaugh, United Rubber Workers, Local 28, treasurer.

Among the resolutions adopted by the Council were:

1. Opposing the Lease-lend Bill (H. R. 1776) "in its present form or any proposed amended form";
2. A resolution condemning the arrest and persecution of Harry Bridges;
3. A resolution opposing the anti-sabotage and anti-strike legislation now pending before the Massachusetts General Court;
4. Encouraging an organization drive in electrical and machine building industry and other vital industries.

Two delegates were elected to the State Convention of the CIO which will be held March 1st and 2nd in Boston.

Mass. Hearing
On C.P. School
Aid BillWould Provide for Free
Lunches to All Needy
Children in State

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—The Committee on Education of the State Legislature yesterday held a hearing on two bills relative to extending free lunches to all needy undernourished school children in Massachusetts.

One bill was introduced on the petition of Otis A. Hood, chairman of the Communist Party of Massachusetts. The bill called for establishment of a temporary unpaid commission which would report within 90 days and recommend such amendments to, or revisions of the law, as will make the Commonwealth responsible for providing a state wide system of free lunches to undernourished school children.

Hood pointed out that out of 168,000 undernourished children only some 60,000 are receiving any kind of free lunches. This condition exists because local, city and town authorities are either indifferent to or are resisting taking care of the needs of the children, and that centralized state responsibility is necessary.

Support for the bill came from the superintendent of schools in the town of Brookline, the School Committee of Randolph, the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers, Labor's Lobby of Massachusetts.

A similar bill was introduced by Nathaniel Mills, Jr. also for the Massachusetts Youth Council, of which he is president.

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of
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Push Bill to Probe
Ford's Unfair
Labor PracticesMichigan State Senator Nowak to Hold Public
Hearing on Proposed Bill, Fears Measure
May Be Killed by Reactionary Legislators

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 20. — State Senator Stanley Nowak revealed today that a wife public hearing on the resolution which he introduced in the Senate "providing for an investigation of alleged illegal and improper practices of the Ford Motor Co.," will be initiated by him at the Grand Ball sponsored by the Stanley Nowak Federation at 51 Spruitt St. on Feb. 22.

At that time, during the dinner, Senator Nowak will give a brief account of this resolution, which has been referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, where there is a serious danger of its being killed. Thousands of petitions will be available then, demanding that a public hearing be given to this resolution. These will be circulated at the dinner, and widely throughout the city in the following week.

The resolution, which has received wide support throughout the state, cites the widespread charges made that the Ford Motor Co. has for years been interfering with the formation of legitimate labor unions and is thus a frequent violator of Section 36 of the Michigan Labor Mediation Act. The resolution further points out charges have been made that Ford and his agents have been engaged in the dissemination of anti-Semitic propaganda and job cutting, and further that it has been publicly charged by persons of repute that "Judge Leo E. Schaefer, Justice of the Peace of the City of Dearborn, has had and still has interests in the Ford Motor Co. financial and otherwise, which seriously tends to undermine the integrity of the bench and to reflect upon the entire judicial system of the State."



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Ford Workers Jam Union Hall, Thousands Sign

CIO Buttons, Applications to Union, Appear All Over Plant; AFL Green Is Annoyed at Goon Bennett's 'Attitude'

By William Allan
(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Feb. 20.—A veritable avalanche of United Auto Workers CIO union buttons today sprouted on the coats and overalls of thousands of Ford workers in the River Rouge plant. Ford workers within the last two days jammed union headquarters on Michigan Avenue and joined the CIO United Automobile Workers Union.

Today at the UAW-CIO Ford organizing headquarters bedlam reigned with the spacious headquarters jammed with new union applicants. During the literature distribution yesterday, union organizers with bulging pockets of union buttons, attempted the impossible, of handing out papers with the one hand and filling the hundreds of outstretched hands with union buttons with the other at the plant gates. Service men who were strung along the sidewalk, when the grand rush came out of the massive Ford buildings, started to take badge numbers of those with union buttons.

But it was an impossible job. Finally the Ford Gestapo gave up and as Michael Widman, Ford union director put it, "they started to count those who had no union buttons on." There were not many.

SUPPLY GIVES OUT

Today Widman stated at the union's Ford office amidst voices shouting for buttons and application cards, that the entire supply of buttons, numbering many thousands, had run out Wednesday and that they had exhausted the supply of the international UAW-CIO office and were now getting buttons from local union offices in the city. Asked for reason for this wave of applicants and wearing of buttons, Widman replied that, since the return of the 23 union Ford workers, through the Supreme Court decision last week, and the posting of notices that the men were reinstated in all buildings by the company as demanded by the Supreme Court, a great wave of unionism had swept the plant.

Widman stated further that one of the returned unionists, in his first day back in the plant had recruited 107 new members and today had turned in 100 more new member.

Another one of the reinstated workers, he declared, had turned in 40 applications with all of the other men turning in new members.

In the B. Building in one department employing 250 men by count there were 250 buttons on sight. In press steel in one department, 200 buttons, making a 100 per cent score and so on down the line.

A statement emanating from Miami, Fla., where the AFL executive council is meeting, today appeared in the Detroit News stating that the executive board of the AFL decided that "within six months they will request collective bargaining rights from Ford."

Attached are excerpts of an interview with William Green, one part of which is revealing. It states:

"I have argued with Bennett and pointed out to him that the company should yield to the realities of the situation, but Bennett did not indicate any change in the company's general attitude (Green, of course, would not say anti-union attitude of Bennett) so I can't say what attitude it will assume when we call upon them to bargain."

UAW - CIO Ford headquarters have scores of reports turned in within the last week telling of foremen and service men handing out AFL application cards and telling the workers that they do not have to pay any initiation or dues until the AFL signs a contract with the old man."

Meanwhile another contributing

factor to the great sweep into the UAW-CIO by the Ford workers is the fact that scores of department meetings have been held or are in the process of being held where the workers are formulating department demands. The various buildings in the Rouge have all building meetings on schedule. The tool and die makers it is understood, are calling a mass meeting soon to formulate demands to be presented to the Ford Motor Company. All eyes today in Detroit are on Dearborn.

Fight Measure To 'Hitlerize' Pennsylvania

Communist Leaders Protest to State Legislature

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—The Communist Party of Pennsylvania today opposed the bill-hunting Bill No. 172 in a telegram to the State Senate signed by Carl Revere, legislative chairman, and Phil Frankford, state secretary.

The measure would transform Pennsylvania into "a Hitlerite fascist state," the wire says, and would be used by reactionaries to suppress civil liberties and nullify the Bill of Rights.

TEXT OF WIRE
"We were shocked to learn in today's paper that witch-hunting Senate bill 172 of Senators Walter and Cavanaugh was rushed before the floor of the Senate yesterday without any opportunity for a public hearing before the judiciary committee," the wire said.

"This bill is obviously a violation of the state and national Constitutions. By its wording it does not apply to the Communist Party, whose program, constitution and practice excludes the Communist Party from the provisions of this bill.

"But it is also obvious from statements in today's press and statements of backers of the bill that witch-hunters will use the bill for political persecution against the Communist Party and against minority parties and against trade unions and independent candidates whose ideas reactionaries don't like."

"The bill will be used by reactionaries to suppress civil liberties and nullify the Bill of Rights. It will transform Pennsylvania into a Hitlerite fascist state. It is a fascist bill worthy of Hitler or Mussolini."

"In the name of 6,000 people who attended a mass meeting at the Market Street Arena Monday night, we want to protest against this bill and all similar witch-hunting bills. The meeting unanimously went on record against any bill which attempts to violate the sacred Constitutional right of free elections or attempts to abridge civil rights. We respectfully request an open hearing, feeling that it is a crime against democracy to railroad this bill through without opportunity for discussion."

2,239 Massachusetts Babies 'Farmed Out,' Sick, Mistreated--But Dogs Have a 'Palace'

By Arthur Buckley
(Secretary, Communist Party of Boston)
(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—The public here was given an infuriating glimpse in stripped-naked action today.

One case dealt with the callous and inhuman "farming out" of mere babies under sickening conditions—the other was a glimpse of the pampered treatment given dogs at a "Palace for Pooches."

In case number one, the public is given a brief, awful picture of "social welfare" conditions. In Massachusetts today there are "baby farms" where thousands of children are "farmed out." Some 2,239 babies are boarded out at 500 "registered" homes, but the State Division of Child Guardian-

ship has no control over homes where children over 2 years of age are kept.

An investigation was recently conducted by Mary T. McCann of the State Department of Public Welfare. In one case she found eight tiny infants crammed into broken-down baby carriages and wooden boxes hidden in a laundry shed. A little boy was in charge of the children, the children, the "operator" of the "home" being away.

In another case there were six babies lying in the same bed—all babies were sick. One boy was given a "bath" in a "tub" given their children.

But a child's balance in life is at least struck by the report given in story number 2, which appears on the first page of the "Boston Traveler" under the headline: "Swank Dogdom Has-

ten of her own, did her own housework, and last month enough profit out of the "baby farm" to buy a little more estate. One woman in charge of six children did not even know the names of the children—she said her parents were and their identity handed to her by parents for their support.

DOGS ARE DISMISSED

Such are the conditions revealed in these "homes" where poor couples have to board their babies while they wait paying six dollars a week for the "care" given their children.

Our civilization "as we know it" seems hideously through developments here today.

More Harvester Workers Prepare To Enter Strike

McCormick Works Employees Vote 3,059 to 418 to Strike; CIO Leaders Declare Union Is Ready to Prove It Represents Majority

By Carl Harris
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 20.—Another giant plant of the International Harvester Corporation—the McCormick Works—was on the verge of a shutdown here tonight after the CIO union gave the corporation its final notice.

The CIO Farm Equipment Workers' in the huge plant voted "strike" by an overwhelming majority in a three-day poll which ended last night. The count was 3,059 to 418 in favor of strike action.

A walkout by the McCormick workers would bring to 15,000 the number of IHC employees on strike with three plants already shut down.

McCormick Local President Clarence Stocker declared that the union will not "play into the hands of the company," by submitting to long drawn-out labor board elections, which he said was obviously an effort to stall demands for wage increases.

"We're ready to present every necessary proof that we have a majority in the plant, and we're fed up with these delays," he said. "Besides we have no guarantee that the company would abide by the results of a labor board election or that such an election would not be delayed for weeks and months."

A huge citywide labor demonstration of support for the Harvester strike is scheduled to take place at the tractor works plant, 2800 W. 31st Boulevard at 2 P. M., Saturday (Feb. 23). CIO Regional Director Ernest Pugh has invited the entire labor movement of Chicago and its friends to participate in the rally.

A full-page ad in the Chicago papers today carried the union's answer to the attack on the strikers which was published by the company yesterday.

OLD TACTIC
The union's statement declared that: "The real purpose of the company's advertisement is, of course, to try to whip up the necessary hysteria prior to a strike-breaking move."

"This is a well-worn tactic in Chicago. It will not work this time. There will be no more Haymarket. No more Memorial Day massacres."

The statement lashed the speed-up in the plant and gave this example: "In 1938, the assembly line at the plant began assembly of a new model tractor at the rate of 65 per day. When the strike was called the assembly line was running 185 tractors per day. An increase of 120 tractors in two years prior to the strike. The company had just demanded the production of 15 more tractors daily."

The McCormick Local today wired Sydney McAllister, president of the Harvester Corporation, giving him his last chance to "avert this strike by meeting with us and negotiating our demands."

"Otherwise we must accept responsibility for the action that will follow."

Ohio Steel Strikers Win Demands

(Special to the Daily Worker)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 20.—After a 72-hour stoppage workers of the open hearth department of Youngstown Sheet & Tube returned to work victorious and eleven open hearths are in full production again. The basic demands of the strikers were granted, although a few were left to be settled with the U. S. Federal mediator present this week.

WAGE BOOST WON
The wage increases average 5 and 6 cents an hour. The agreement to recognize the Steel Workers Organizing Committee grievance committees and numerous other grievances such as wash rooms, and on bonus rates, were granted.

The NLRB from the Cleveland office charged the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company with 165 violations of the Wagner Act. These include 143 discrimination cases, and cases still pending from the 1937 steel strike. Hearings were set for Youngstown to begin March 13. This action of the NLRB comes as a support to the department strikes, the almost complete organization of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube workers, and the rising demand for a signed contract.

Australian Premier Arrives in London
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies arrived here today by airplane from Lisbon to discuss the Far Eastern situation. After inspecting Australian troops in North Africa Menzies went to Lisbon to make his plane connection for England.

Menzies will confer with Prime Minister Churchill and other members of the government.

South Wales Town Hit in Heavy Raid

No Bombs Dropped On London; RAF Raids Channel Ports

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 21.—(UP). German bombers, converging on industrial South Wales in a steady stream, last night threw their main weight against one town which was showered with hundreds of fire bombs and some high explosives.

Beginning the attack shortly after midnight, the raiders roared in high over the black-out English coast, crossed Bristol Channel and spread out over South Wales, west and southwest England.

A brief alarm sounded in London but no bombs were dropped. There was some anti-aircraft fire. Evidently the raiders were racing on into west England and Wales.

SECOND IN 24 HOURS
The attack on South Wales was the second in 24 hours, following an hours-long raid on the industrial port of Swansea Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

As the raiders converged on the South Wales town, anti-aircraft guns broke into a violent barrage, their "ack-ack-ack" mixing with the burst of high explosives and the flare of incendiaries.

After 14 hours of work made perilous by a nearby time bomb, rescue squads dug out the last victims trapped by a German bomb which wrecked three male wards of a hospital Wednesday night, killing 22 persons and injuring seriously 52.

RAF ATTACKS BASES AT BREST AND CALAIS
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Coastal Command planes last night attacked the German naval base at Brest and the docks at Calais, the Air Ministry said today. All planes returned.

The attacks apparently were made as result of somewhat improved weather conditions. Late bad weather has kept both bomber Command and Coastal Command planes grounded.

Bulgaria Mobilizes Industrial Workers

SOFIA, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Bulgarian government tonight hastily mobilized workers in essential services, including the railroads, and called upon all Bulgarian men to "don your uniforms to go where duty calls."

The government's organ denied, however, that any decree had been issued calling up more military classes. However, it was stated that Bulgarian military forces were being maintained along the frontier with Turkey despite the new Bulgarian-Turkish accord of non-aggression announced on Monday.



INGENUITY SOLVES A PROBLEM IN SNOW-BLANKETED DENMARK: A plow, made of two bicycles and a wooden chair, is used to clear snow from a path in Copenhagen, where machines powered by gasoline have disappeared following the acute shortage of the fuel.

Mine Bill Reported Out In House

Measure Must Still Face Anti-Labor Rules Committee

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—The United Mine Workers won an important victory today as the House Mines and Mining Committee reported out the Federal Mine Inspection bill.

Under pressure of a powerful lobby of coal operators, the committee held up this bill for almost a year following its passage by the Senate.

During this period the Mine Inspection bill was pigeon-holed in committee, approximately 1,500 miners were killed in mine explosions and accidents.

Before the Mine Inspection bill can reach the House floor, however, it must still run the hurdle of the anti-labor Rules Committee.

British Troops Take Over Greek Island

BELGRADE, Feb. 20 (UP).—British forces intended to resist any attack through Bulgaria on Greece's Aegean seaport of Salonika or the vital Dardanelles were reported tonight to have occupied and to be hastily fortifying the strategic Greek island of Lemnos in the upper Aegean.

The British were said to be moving swiftly to establish themselves in strongholds around Greece, including the fortification of Lemnos as a strong naval and air base, before the Germans can strike across Bulgaria and down upon Greece.

The Rocky, 175-mile-square island which is only 40 miles from the entrance to the Dardanelles and 38 miles from the tip of the Salonika peninsula, is being hastily converted into a strong naval and air base, according to usually well-informed British quarters here.

From Lemnos the British armed forces would be in a choice position to hit back at any German attack either on Salonika or the Dardanelles.

Kidnapped Dutch Premier Is in The Hague

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Jonkheer Dirk Jan De Geer, former Netherlands Premier who had been reported kidnapped at Lisbon by Germans and flown to Germany, has been in The Hague for some time, the Netherlands Government-in-Exile said today.

See Shift of Japan Troops For Drive South

Chinese Spokesman Says Units in Central China Are Ordered Out

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

CHUNGKING, Feb. 20 (UP).—A Chinese military spokesman asserted today that Japan suddenly has started to transport "the bulk" of her forces of hundreds of thousands of troops from Central China to jumping off points for a possible drive into the South Pacific.

The military spokesman did not disclose the source of his information.

He said that the Japanese had given similar orders to the air force units previously assigned to the Chinese mainland.

The spokesman asserted that these huge forces are being concentrated in French Indo-China, Hainan Island and the Southern Chinese province of Kwangtung.

The Chinese spokesman offered no estimate of the actual number of troops and planes which have been concentrated by the Japanese in preparation for a possible southward drive.

However, he estimated that "more than half" the Japanese air force presently operating against China had been transferred to the new strategic bases.

This movement, he said, was backed up by actual troop transfers on an exceedingly large scale.

Harlem Tenement Fire Drives 40 Into Streets

Fire in two tenements, at 28 and 28 E. 114th St., in Lower Harlem, drove 40 tenants to the icy street at 5:20 yesterday morning, and made many of them homeless. Most tenants were asleep when the fire broke out and were forced to flee down the fire escapes in the sub-zero weather without proper clothing.

The upper three floors of the five-story building at No. 28 were damaged, and the top floor of the adjoining building, No. 26, was also damaged by fire.

Two alarms were sounded by a passerby.

Woman, Baby Die In Flaming Leap

DAYTON, N.J., Feb. 20.—Her clothes afire and her 18-month-old daughter in her arms, Mrs. Edith Smith, 31, leaped to her death early yesterday from a three-story apartment at 537 Avenue C. The baby also was fatally injured. The father, Clifford, 28, carried three sons to safety.

Brooklynites Win Fight for Playground

Defeat Various Plans for Other Uses of Area

Residents of the Windsor Terrace section of Brooklyn won their fight yesterday to retain the playground on Prospect Ave., between Greenwood Ave. and Fort Hamilton Parkway.

The Brooklyn group appeared before the Board of Estimate and urged that the parcel of land be permanently transferred to the Park Department from the Board of Transportation.

Earlier the Board, acting on the protest of Park Commissioner Robert Moses, voted down a motion to sell the property for \$50,000.

The Board then referred back to the office of Borough President Lyons of the Bronx a proposal to construct a rowing course off Pelham Bay at the cost of \$400,000.

CALLED PREMATURE
The proposed course would comprise the creation of a lagoon in the bay, inside which would be the course proper, a rectangular basin of about 1.3 miles long, 400 feet wide and four feet deep.

A report of John C. Reidel, chief engineer of the Board, declared that while the project would undoubtedly improve Pelham Bay Park, it appeared to be "premature" in respect to other projects of a "more beneficial and utilitarian character."

After a discussion lasting two and a half hours the Board referred back to the committee of the whole a proposal to change from a restricted retail district property abutting on both sides of Madison Ave., between East 59th and East 66th Sts.

Former Tammany Borough President Samuel Levy, lawyer for the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., mortgages of some of the property in the area, argued for the change, stating it was desired to construct an "intimate" motion picture theatre, seating 600 persons, in the area.

Dodd Refuses To Give Up Teachers List

(Continued from Page 1)

obvious. The committee hoped to demonstrate that it had a legal precedent applicable to the entire labor movement. In its action against Local 537 the committee is now attempting to show that it has this precedent in fact as well as in the law books."

BASIS FOR BLACKLIST
Dr. Dodd emphasized that the membership lists could "in no sense serve a valid purpose" for the committee because the names are not marked as to political, religious or other designations.

"The lists in hostile hands would serve only as a basis for a blacklist of union members," she continued, "Labor has fought for decades against blacklists."

The Couderc Committee, according to its spokesman, will "take steps" presumably for contempt citation, against Dr. Dodd.

Dr. Robert K. Speer, president, and Dr. Robert Chalmers, treasurer of Local 537, also subpoenaed, appeared before the Rapp-Coudert Committee but merely stated that Dr. Dodd has custody of the records.

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THE FIRST BARRAGE BALLOON COMPANY IN THE ARMY: Men of the Gray Field group at Fort Lewis, Wash., learn to inflate one of the new Baby Blimps which, when anchored in the sky, will serve as traps for any possible enemy planes flying near.

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Mounting Protest Against Warmakers' Move to Silence Earl Browder Continues to Pour in from Coast to Coast

The spontaneous outraged mass protest from America's grass-roots against the savage jail sentence against Earl Browder continues to pour in. From scores of organizations and individuals from all walks of life the deluge of telegrams and letters come.

Today, for the fourth successive day, the Daily Worker prints a sampling of this protest.

N. Y. STATE COMMITTEE

Seeing indignation fills the hearts of all progressive people as a consequence of the verdict against Earl Russell Browder.

On all sides we hear comrades express the fervent but futile wish that they could serve Earl Browder's four-year prison sentence in his stead.

Such emotions do honor to our membership and to our greatest leader and teacher. But it is also true that these feelings must be translated into actions—actions that will bring about Earl Browder's freedom as part of the greater freedom of millions from war, hunger and dictatorship.

One comrade, reflecting the thought of the membership, said that the savage assault upon Earl Browder has brought Browder closer to us all.

He said: "Comrade Browder's presence will be felt at all branch and group meetings, at all demonstrations and picket lines; wherever two comrades come together to act, Browder will be the third, showing the way to peace and socialism."

"In his name and in the light of his teachings we shall build our Party and Press. Fired by Bolshevik example, we shall devote our whole energies to the fight for his liberation, for the peace and liberation of America."

Let us translate these deep sentiments into organizations—into the building of the peace movement—the organization of the unorganized—the fight for the independent political action of labor—the fight for socialism!

New York State Committee, Communist Party

ISRAEL AMTER, Chairman.
CHARLES KRUMBEIN, Secretary.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Earl Browder: This action against you, our comrade, by the Supreme Court of the United States is the first major step that, if allowed to continue, means war and fascism for America. However, the heavy hand of history compelling us to erase the meaningless phrase of the portico of that Court, "Equity under the Law" and the Communist Party is preparing to carve it to read "Equity under Socialism."

We shall strive to equal your courage in facing the major tests before us.

Communist Party of Florida.
A. W. TRAINOR, Secretary.
LOPEZ, Chairman.

CHICAGO

Earl Browder: With greatest sympathy to you, your beloved wife and children we vigorously protest against Supreme Court action. We pledge to intensify our efforts among the Greek people for your liberation to help build the Party, the Party of peace and Socialism.

Greek-American Students of Marxism-Leninism.

RACINE, WIS.

Earl Browder: Supreme Court ruling against our beloved leader spurs us to greater efforts to build Party, Daily Worker, to fight for your freedom.

Racine-Kenosha C. P.
JOHNSON, Chairman.

SEATTLE

Earl Browder: Northwest District Committee condemns Supreme Court attempt to silence foremost defender of peace and security of American people. Will intensify activity advancing struggle against imperialism for peace and Socialism inspired by your work and courage.

HENRY P. HUFF, Chairman.
ANDREW REMES, Secretary

PHILADELPHIA

National Committee, Communist Party: We pledge to fight for freeing Earl Browder and to fight against imperialism war.

Communist Party, 39th Ward.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.

Earl Browder: War mongering economic royalists will rejoice decision against you and people with you. What you stand for, peace, a better life. Pledge support in fight for your freedom.

Section C, P.
Allegheny Valley,
MICHAEL STANOVICH.

NEW YORK

Dear Comrade Browder: We, members of Branch F of Section C of the Communist Party want to express our anger at the vicious reactionary decision of the Supreme Court. We are determined to fight the decision with every means at our disposal.

In the words of the French Deputies before the Military Tribunal in France: "There are times in history when the ruling classes can retain power only by violating their own laws. We know of such instances in the history of our country, and we also see that sooner or later, by revolutionary action, the people put an end to such regimes."

We want further to express our deep appreciation of your brilliant leadership of our glorious Party and to assure you that we are going to triple our efforts to enlighten the people and to do all in our power to speed the coming of Socialism to America.

LONG LIVE COMRADE EARL BROWDER!

BRANCH F, SECTION C.

Dear Comrade Browder: We heard the verdict of the Supreme Court with great indignation.

Your separation from us would be a deep loss, not only to our Party and the working class generally, but to each of us personally.

We understand that the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court represents the unity of the bourgeoisie on the road to war.

We will strive harder than ever to build up the unity of the working class and its allies in America in the struggle for your freedom and for peace and Socialism.

With our warmest devotion, we are

LEO, JUDITH, DOROTHY, AL, GEORGE,
Branch 3, Group B, Bklyn.

Dear Comrade Browder: It was much to my surprise and sorrow to learn that the United States Supreme Court, highest tribunal of class justice, had affirmed your conviction. In spite of their decision we know that the final decision of your case rests with the working class of this country.

I feel that my branch and my section will work twice as hard in recruiting new members and in building the Party press, so that your temporary absence from the struggle will serve as an incentive to increased activity.

Our Marxist-Leninist training has taught us not to become discouraged at temporary setbacks. The viciousness of this sentence indicates the inability of the capitalist class to solve our economic and social problems except by plunging the country into war and trying to silence the voice of the only Party which speaks against war and for friendship with the Soviet Union.

I am proud to be a member of the Communist Party led by Browder, Foster and Ford—the Party which shows the way to Socialism which will solve all racial and minority problems.

Comradely yours,
R. D.

Milton Herndon Branch,
Upper Harlem Section, C.P.

Earl Browder: While the forces of destruction and murder are being unleashed from their dens, free spirits are locked behind bars. But there are going to be no bars between the people of America and Earl Browder.

A. S.

Dear Comrade Browder: At the meeting tonight of Branch 3, Second A.D. of the Bronx, we decided to reply to the Supreme Court decision with a Bolshevik answer.

We immediately rounded up our members for one of the most complete distributions of literature we have made recently. We are working now so that every member without exception will double or triple his actual activity.

We promise you, Comrade Browder, that this latest attack of our rulers in Washington will result in more and more work among the people. Work that will eventually eliminate capitalist injustice. As a sign of this determination, enclosed find \$25 raised in a few hours for use in spreading our message of hope.

BRANCH 3, 2nd A.D., Bronx.

National Committee, Communist Party:

We, a group of comrades at a regular meeting, after discussing the issue of Comrade Browder's sentence, decided the following:

1.—We will work for the greater distribution of the Daily Worker among the masses of the people so as to acquaint them

'A BROWDER RECRUITING DRIVE' TO DEFEAT THE WAR PLANS

Dear Comrade Browder:

I want to actively propose, before the capitalist class using the doors which can never again open to your brilliant faith, courage and spirit, a National Signer-Gathering meeting opening of a Browder Recruiting Campaign in the Party which your every thought, word and deed so aptly and so eloquently express.

Forward with Browder at the helm! Defeat the leaders of American imperialism in their plans to lead us into the war!

For every Party member who stands with Browder—our first aim!

Forward to a Socialist America and a new free world. Such could be some of the slogans of the campaign. The principal slogan—It goes without saying—our own: Browder and undivided leadership and comrade: Earl Browder.

Long live and speedy freedom to you, dear friend, friend, faithful

and honored leader and comrade of our Party and genuine lover of the toiling masses of America and the world!

May every day of your enforced separation from your beloved wife and children bring to them new hope and solace as they witness the growth of the Party for which you have sacrificed so much.

May every day of your persecution deepen the hatred of all of us for the capitalist abandonment which is to blame for it and strengthen our resistance to any further attempts of a like or similar nature. May they hasten the dawn of Socialism for which we struggle.

Such—Comrade Browder—is my own personal esteem and love which is inspired by your example and wise leadership. Such is the contemptuous scorn for your arrogant and unprincipled persecutors that your humility of mind and richness of character gives rise!

Comradely yours,
N. W.

with the injustice of the decision of the Supreme Court.

2.—To rally the people in struggle for the earliest possible release of Comrade Browder, and to continue the fight to keep America out of the war.

Comradely Yours,
Group of Slave Kingdom,
Branch, C.P.

SAMUEL MCMANUS
LETTER

Earl Browder: As one of the thousands of American professional workers who are proud to be the faithful members of the Party which you lead, I wish to express my feeling of profound shock at the decision of the United States Supreme Court which has been handed down in your case. At the same time, I should like to take this opportunity to reaffirm my personal loyalty to the great cause for which you stand.

The ruling class of our country has written its own NEUTRALITY, TREATY, and the rest of the bourgeoisie will not last for much longer!

It seems to me that countless other mental workers like myself must be conscious of a deep debt of gratitude to Earl Browder for the brilliant clarity with which he has lighted their darkness path in these last years of the reign of capitalism. Clashed between the hammer and the anvil, between the upper and the lower millstone—the "middle" as they call it—these workers of the world have found a creative meaning in life, in the great struggle for the socialist liberation of mankind; and your words, your writings have been the beacon in the dark.

With all comradely respect,
SAMUEL MCMANUS

YCL NATIONAL COUNCIL

Earl Browder: You are the foremost champion of America's youth, respect and beloved by the class-conscious and militant anti-war fighters of the progressive youth movement. By your courageous and brilliant exposure of the vile plotting of the imperialists to send American youth to their death in a war for empire, you have held out to the young people the hope and promise of a people's victory, of peace and socialism.

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court sentencing you to four years in prison, opens the "justice" of a ruling class that trembles lest the people learn the truth. We know that the sentence against you is rendered only because your voice and that of the Communist Party have smelted through the conspiracy to silence all those who speak for peace. We know that the Supreme Court decision is directed not only against you, but against the working class and all honest people who refuse to be thrust into the butchery of imperialist war. The plot by which the rulers of finance and industry framed you as they framed such leaders of the people as Eugene V. Debs and Charles H. Johnson, increases the fighting determination of all young Communists and the militant youth for whom they speak.

Knowing that you are imprisoned because the capitalist class and the Roosevelt Administration want to rob the working class of its outstanding leader and fighter for peace, we also know that in this action they recognize, unwillingly, the strength of the working class, of the Communist Party and all those who fight for peace. We know that the people have the strength to free you as they freed Tom Mooney.

You shall continue on in the past to be our guide in our daily actions and the growth in our daily lives. Our Young Communist League and each individual member will strive to double and triple our efforts to bring our message of peace and socialism to the youth. The voice of our comrade, Earl Browder, shall be heard, not from one throat, but

in the voice of millions. In this spirit, we pledge the following support of the Young Communist League in the fight for your freedom, to the task of bringing your message to the youth of America.

NATIONAL COUNCIL, YCL, U. S. A.

JOHN WATSON, President.
JOHN THOMPSON, Vice-President.
HARRY WATSON, Administrative Secretary.
CARL BROWN, Public Relations Secretary.

NEW YORK STATE YCL

Supporting for the State Executive Board of the Young Communist League, New York, Executive Secretary: JACQUES

"The legal framing of Earl Browder, leader of the Communist Party of America, indicates beyond the shadow of a doubt, the grim intention of the capitalist class to send an expeditionary force to Europe."

"The class 'justice' of the bourgeoisie is filled with many examples of such arbitrary action intended to silence the voice of one who really confounds a farious class in the case of Earl Browder, whose the Roosevelt Administration found necessary to railroad to jail on a flimsy passport document."

"Franklin D. Roosevelt, with the aid of the capitalist courts and the Supreme Court, single out Comrade Browder for such vile persecution in the name of silencing the voice of the working class, the Communist Party, the poor fighting American people, the anti-imperialist movement in the struggle against U. S. military involvement in the war."

"Browder is greatly mislabeled! The American people will recognize this decision against the leader of the Communist Party as nothing more or less than a guarantee attempt to weaken the youth of the country into submission, while the capitalist prepare military intervention in the imperialist war."

"We feel confident that every American will react and recognize the nature of the political persecution of the outstanding exponent of the Roosevelt Administration, the outstanding champion of peace in America, Earl Browder."

"The Young Communist League of New York State pledges to close its ranks and to intensify its work for peace. We pledge to fulfill the gap left by Comrade Browder by enrolling into the Young Communist League a minimum of 100 members within the next few weeks. We pledge the sale of 15,000 'Soviet Powers'."

"We call upon the people of New York, workers, students, all progressives, to raise their voices in protest, to adopt resolutions, to send telegrams and letters to President Roosevelt demanding 'Free Earl Browder.' We urge all progressives to attend our protest rally next Monday at the Hotel Capital."

We not only speak for ourselves, but also for our non-Party friends. In protesting the Supreme Court decision against Earl Browder, the staunch and trustworthy leader of the working class.

We realize full well the purpose in silencing this outspoken voice in the defense of the common people's rights. War is on the agenda down in Washington and the Communist Party is in the forefront disclosing the fiendish plans of the Wall St. money gangsters. The powers that be don't want this voice heard.

However, we know the part we have to play in the struggle for the rights of the working class, and pledge ourselves to faithfully carry out our tasks and build the Party amongst the people.

Group 73, Branch 7,
1-2 A. D. Manhattan.

Earl Browder: We Communists feel no humility or defeat in the unjust sentence which was passed upon our leader. We know that the real lawbreakers are those very men who have committed this legalistic trickery. Who are they to sit as judges while they carry on the most dishonorable plot for murder which this land has ever known?

The history of social changes is filled with unjust imprisonment for the leaders of the oppressed. But such victories for the ruling class have always been temporary. The injustice itself soon turns into a weapon in the hands of an enlightened and enraged people.

Comrade Browder, we are more than ever determined to bring the real criminals to dock. The desperation of these enemies of mankind reveals how near we are to that great change when leaders like you will have no opposing class to hinder the work of your mind and heart. It will be the first change in all history where there will be neither oppressed nor oppressor; where honor and not prison will be the reward for all men who point the way to peace and plenty.

JAMES FORD BRANCH.

Earl Browder: Again you have been selected as the first casualty of America at war!

All of us, who have seen you, heard you speak, and followed your career, have no doubt that

the Supreme Court's decision to uphold your unjust, i. e., capitalist, prison sentence shows clearly the down hill road our country is taking. We, the American people, party and non-party, know you will grow stronger and stronger and that the vain efforts of the debased capitalist class will no more weaken the Communist Party than they will weaken you. We have unshakeable faith and love for you and will continue our efforts to free you until you walk the nation a free man.

Though the only time in the Party a year I had the great privilege of being one of the dance or so men who, in the 1940 May Day Parade, marched immediately in front and in back of you on either side of the street as a precautionary measure. I was very much affected by the ardor and devotion with which you were received the whole length of the parade. All I can say is the American people know who their friend and champion is! We'll fight for you and fight hard!

Personal greetings from one of your hundreds of thousands of comrades—no doubt I say millions—for the common people of America all over your country, whether they are all yet aware of it or not.

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'A BROWDER RECRUITING DRIVE' TO DEFEAT THE WAR PLANS

Dear Comrade Browder:

I want to actively propose, before the capitalist class using the doors which can never again open to your brilliant faith, courage and spirit, a National Signer-Gathering meeting opening of a Browder Recruiting Campaign in the Party which your every thought, word and deed so aptly and so eloquently express.

Forward with Browder at the helm! Defeat the leaders of American imperialism in their plans to lead us into the war!

For every Party member who stands with Browder—our first aim!

Forward to a Socialist America and a new free world. Such could be some of the slogans of the campaign. The principal slogan—It goes without saying—our own: Browder and undivided leadership and comrade: Earl Browder.

Long live and speedy freedom to you, dear friend, friend, faithful

and honored leader and comrade of our Party and genuine lover of the toiling masses of America and the world!

May every day of your enforced separation from your beloved wife and children bring to them new hope and solace as they witness the growth of the Party for which you have sacrificed so much.

May every day of your persecution deepen the hatred of all of us for the capitalist abandonment which is to blame for it and strengthen our resistance to any further attempts of a like or similar nature. May they hasten the dawn of Socialism for which we struggle.

Such—Comrade Browder—is my own personal esteem and love which is inspired by your example and wise leadership. Such is the contemptuous scorn for your arrogant and unprincipled persecutors that your humility of mind and richness of character gives rise!

Comradely yours,
N. W.

with the injustice of the decision of the Supreme Court.

2.—To rally the people in struggle for the earliest possible release of Comrade Browder, and to continue the fight to keep America out of the war.

Comradely Yours,
Group of Slave Kingdom,
Branch, C.P.

SAMUEL MCMANUS
LETTER

Earl Browder: As one of the thousands of American professional workers who are proud to be the faithful members of the Party which you lead, I wish to express my feeling of profound shock at the decision of the United States Supreme Court which has been handed down in your case. At the same time, I should like to take this opportunity to reaffirm my personal loyalty to the great cause for which you stand.

The ruling class of our country has written its own NEUTRALITY, TREATY, and the rest of the bourgeoisie will not last for much longer!

It seems to me that countless other mental workers like myself must be conscious of a deep debt of gratitude to Earl Browder for the brilliant clarity with which he has lighted their darkness path in these last years of the reign of capitalism. Clashed between the hammer and the anvil, between the upper and the lower millstone—the "middle" as they call it—these workers of the world have found a creative meaning in life, in the great struggle for the socialist liberation of mankind; and your words, your writings have been the beacon in the dark.

With all comradely respect,
SAMUEL MCMANUS

YCL NATIONAL COUNCIL

Earl Browder: You are the foremost champion of America's youth, respect and beloved by the class-conscious and militant anti-war fighters of the progressive youth movement. By your courageous and brilliant exposure of the vile plotting of the imperialists to send American youth to their death in a war for empire, you have held out to the young people the hope and promise of a people's victory, of peace and socialism.

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court sentencing you to four years in prison, opens the "justice" of a ruling class that trembles lest the people learn the truth. We know that the sentence against you is rendered only because your voice and that of the Communist Party have smelted through the conspiracy to silence all those who speak for peace. We know that the Supreme Court decision is directed not only against you, but against the working class and all honest people who refuse to be thrust into the butchery of imperialist war. The plot by which the rulers of finance and industry framed you as they framed such leaders of the people as Eugene V. Debs and Charles H. Johnson, increases the fighting determination of all young Communists and the militant youth for whom they speak.

Knowing that you are imprisoned because the capitalist class and the Roosevelt Administration want to rob the working class of its outstanding leader and fighter for peace, we also know that in this action they recognize, unwillingly, the strength of the working class, of the Communist Party and all those who fight for peace. We know that the people have the strength to free you as they freed Tom Mooney.

You shall continue on in the past to be our guide in our daily actions and the growth in our daily lives. Our Young Communist League and each individual member will strive to double and triple our efforts to bring our message of peace and socialism to the youth. The voice of our comrade, Earl Browder, shall be heard, not from one throat, but

in the voice of millions. In this spirit, we pledge the following support of the Young Communist League in the fight for your freedom, to the task of bringing your message to the youth of America.

NATIONAL COUNCIL, YCL, U. S. A.

JOHN WATSON, President.
JOHN THOMPSON, Vice-President.
HARRY WATSON, Administrative Secretary.
CARL BROWN, Public Relations Secretary.

NEW YORK STATE YCL

Supporting for the State Executive Board of the Young Communist League, New York, Executive Secretary: JACQUES

"The legal framing of Earl Browder, leader of the Communist Party of America, indicates beyond the shadow of a doubt, the grim intention of the capitalist class to send an expeditionary force to Europe."

"The class 'justice' of the bourgeoisie is filled with many examples of such arbitrary action intended to silence the voice of one who really confounds a farious class in the case of Earl Browder, whose the Roosevelt Administration found necessary to railroad to jail on a flimsy passport document."

"Franklin D. Roosevelt, with the aid of the capitalist courts and the Supreme Court, single out Comrade Browder for such vile persecution in the name of silencing the voice of the working class, the Communist Party, the poor fighting American people, the anti-imperialist movement in the struggle against U. S. military involvement in the war."

"Browder is greatly mislabeled! The American people will recognize this decision against the leader of the Communist Party as nothing more or less than a guarantee attempt to weaken the youth of the country into submission, while the capitalist prepare military intervention in the imperialist war."

"We feel confident that every American will react and recognize the nature of the political persecution of the outstanding exponent of the Roosevelt Administration, the outstanding champion of peace in America, Earl Browder."

"The Young Communist League of New York State pledges to close its ranks and to intensify its work for peace. We pledge to fulfill the gap left by Comrade Browder by enrolling into the Young Communist League a minimum of 100 members within the next few weeks. We pledge the sale of 15,000 'Soviet Powers'."

"We call upon the people of New York, workers, students, all progressives, to raise their voices in protest, to adopt resolutions, to send telegrams and letters to President Roosevelt demanding 'Free Earl Browder.' We urge all progressives to attend our protest rally next Monday at the Hotel Capital."

We not only speak for ourselves, but also for our non-Party friends. In protesting the Supreme Court decision against Earl Browder, the staunch and trustworthy leader of the working class.

We realize full well the purpose in silencing this outspoken voice in the defense of the common people's rights. War is on the agenda down in Washington and the Communist Party is in the forefront disclosing the fiendish plans of the Wall St. money gangsters. The powers that be don't want this voice heard.

However, we know the part we have to play in the struggle for the rights of the working class, and pledge ourselves to faithfully carry out our tasks and build the Party amongst the people.

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Only the Beginning

The Daily Worker has been able to print only a portion of the telegrams and letters which Earl Browder has received during the past few days. These messages bespeak deep burning indignation at the decision of the Supreme Court to jail Browder for four years on a "technicality." War-minded circles in Washington are foiling themselves if they think this indignation will subside. Rather it will grow and spread in all parts of the country, uniting at last in an irresistible movement that will win Browder's freedom.

Senator Johnson's Minority Report

The Minority Report on HR 1776 which Senator Johnson has brought in does not represent a platform on which the people can fight the White House's war plans. Fundamentally, Senator Johnson and the Senate "opposition" are quite agreed with Roosevelt upon a plan for American empire.

But they have a family quarrel on the best tactics of getting this empire. As is usual in family quarrels, the people outside listening in hear some truths above the din.

That HR 1776 is not for "defense" at all, but for aggression—this is admitted by the "opposition." That it is based on hysteria, on false premises, on dictatorship, that it takes the U.S. smack into the war—these are also admitted by the "opposition."

But the "opposition" admits these truths only because it knows that millions of Americans are thinking these thoughts, and the "opposition" wishes to appear as the spokesman of these millions.

The "opposition" accepts the "aid to Britain" policy. In this it already accepts the fundamentals of a war policy. If you accept "aid to Britain," you are compelled to accept the war. The policy of "aid to Britain" is based on a refusal to admit the truth about this war—that it is a criminal war on both sides.

The "opposition," however, is not willing to go as far as Roosevelt in closing the door to maneuvers with London's rival, Berlin.

At the same time, the "opposition" shows that it knows how to shrill anti-Soviet incitements as well as the official Government circles.

Thus the exchange between the White House and the "opposition" on HR 1776 merely reveals the imperialist character of the basic policy on which they all agree—armaments and expansion.

The real argument against HR 1776—that it launches U.S. imperialism on a drive for world empire—this has not been heard yet in the Senate.

The American people must make sure that the Senate hears this demand for the defeat of HR 1776.

No aid to either side, withdrawal from the war, and a policy aimed at halting the war, are what the people require. The rest is a "family quarrel" which, though it permits some truths to leak out, does not attack the main imperialist policy itself.

... And After They Eat the Pig and the Cow?

"People in cities, particularly in New York City, might as well realize that unemployment is a permanent thing..."

That's a bleak prospect to hold out after this so-called war for a "better social order." But it was nevertheless the very words of Mr. Luigi G. Ligutti, secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, who thus apologized for the capitalist system in a statement yesterday.

Mr. Ligutti's remedy is as fantastic as his hopes are gloomy. He proposes a sort of back-to-the-land movement in which millions of jobless families would trek back to the farm, to be started off again with a pig and a cow. But after they eat the pig and the cow, just what is to happen to them then, Mr. Ligutti doesn't say. The truth is that there will be back in the bread lines, on the relief rolls, or in the miserable position of hundreds of thousands of landless farmers today. This semi-capitalist society is known euphemistically as capitalism.

Nevertheless, anyone who challenges this system—a system which has already brought two frightful imperialist mass-murders in the same generation—is put outside the pale of society, or is accused of trying to destroy "civilization as we know it."

On the contrary, those who challenge this system—specifically, the Communists who lead the march toward Socialism—are doing

the greatest service to the people. They alone are showing the way to abolish that capitalist "civilization as we know it" which offers permanent unemployment, imperialist slaughters and hunger.

For a Great Leader

The Daily Worker carried yesterday a statement of the National and New York State Committees of the Communist Party announcing a national celebration on the occasion of the 60th birthday of William Z. Foster.

This will truly be a national celebration—not only because it will extend from coast to coast, but also because it will be an important occasion for the American people and particularly for labor.

Foster is known and honored by millions of workers—especially in the railroad, steel, packing and other basic industries—for his unmatched labor leadership.

The people of this city will want to jam Madison Square Garden on March 17 to demonstrate their esteem and affection for this great son of the working class and revered Communist leader.

Poll Tax Justice In New York

Two instances of exceptional brutality against Negro Americans, as reported in yesterday's Daily Worker, indicate that the war hysteria is intensifying lynch justice against the Negro people.

In Atlanta, Georgia, a 16-year-old Negro boy, Quintar South, was tortured with a hot iron in order to force him to confess to a burglary he didn't commit. In Brooklyn, New York, Lindsey Weaver, was wantonly slugged and shot three times by policemen who had them in their custody on a frame-up theft charge.

The very fact that one of these crimes took place in New York—considered the most progressive state in the Union—shows that the unity which President Roosevelt is trying to set up in the country is a unity based on the policies of the poll tax dictatorship in the deep South.

It is already notorious that the hypocritical "defense" program is increasing discrimination against Negroes in the armed forces and in the "defense" industries. But these two cases show that it is intensifying the lynch justice which Negroes have always been victims of in capitalist civilian life.

The actions, led by the National Negro Congress in Brooklyn, and by progressive forces in Atlanta, should be energetically supported by all fair-minded citizens, whose civil liberties are also vitally at stake. At the same time, the Weaver and South cases are sharp reminders that the fight for the passage of the anti-lynching and anti-poll tax bills should be taken up with renewed vigor during this session of Congress.

A Far East Plan Washington Would Like

The war is spreading in the Pacific. It is spreading because there is a difference of opinion between the bankers of Tokyo and Washington. Each group has nominated itself as the "natural protector" of the rich colonial loot in the Dutch East Indies and China.

Such is the growing crisis in the Far East. It is a crisis of sheer looting and grabbing. Shall the Morgan-Rockefeller bankers, or shall the Tokyo bankers grab the choicest morsels? In settling this issue, they will not hesitate to spill the people's blood.

Of course, the policy which Roosevelt pursues has made this "crisis" acute. Motivated by hatred of the Soviet Union, and by fear of an independent China, Washington's policy has been to sabotage China's resistance, to spread anti-Soviet provocations, and to supply Japan with abundant war materials. Roosevelt has been very careful to see that the United States would be the "arsenal of democracy" for Japan.

In this "crisis," the Japanese government makes use of the arguments which it feels will make the best impression on Roosevelt and his advisers.

That is why in Tokyo, Foreign Minister Matsuoka pleaded yesterday with London-Washington-Berlin not to forget that the war may bring "the bolshevization of Europe, swiftly followed by the bolshevization of China. Such a result, as Mr. Matsuoka sees it, would be a disaster for Britain as well as for Germany, Japan and America also." (New York Times, Feb. 20.)

Thus, while they aim their crushing blows at each other, the rival imperialists dream longingly of a joint attack on the Soviet Union as the "solution" of their rivalries.

Mr. Nomura knows what a welcome these anti-Soviet incitements find in Washington. The Japanese also are not slow in noticing the persistent anti-Soviet provocations of the Churchill-Halifax policy.

This vision of an anti-Soviet war, uniting all the imperialists who are stabbing at each other's possessions, is the best antidote to the pretense that this is a people's war "against fascism."

MOVING DAY



—Reprinted from Hotel and Club Voice, weekly journal of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6, A. F. L.

Hillman Seeks to Enforce Ban on Strikes, Wants "Agreement" of Labor

(Continued from Page 1)

olutely essential to National Defense.

"Of course, I have always advocated that National Defense comes first," Hillman said. "When the War Department states that only one company can produce necessary materials, then I say we brush aside even this labor policy."

He declared that he was opposed to any policy of "blacklisting" labor law violators for any period or after they have allegedly agreed to comply with the law.

During the course of the day's hearing, Hillman attempted to apply the administration's pressure methods to force the Allis Chalmers strikers in Milwaukee back to work.

HINTS OF "DISCIPLINE"

After consultation with OPM director William S. Knudsen, he made public the terms of the agreement which he claimed was reached in Washington Saturday night between Allis Chalmers strikers, labor, corporation executives and OPM officials.

"Shop discipline is necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the plant," the agreement said. "An essential purpose of this agreement is to promote the maintenance of such shop discipline."

"Any employee guilty of an act which interferes with such shop discipline shall be subject to disciplinary action by the company, which shall be applied to all employees." Protests by the union against any disciplinary actions by the company are to be taken to an "impartial referee."

The agreement further states that "the fact that the employee is not a member of the union, shall not in itself be deemed to constitute interference with shop discipline."

Hillman declared at the committee hearing that he had assured employer representatives that the

agreement was "neither a closed shop nor a device for getting a closed shop."

Knudsen told the committee yesterday that the strike had not been ended because the strikers had not "changed their minds after they got on the plane" about the proposed settlement.

In what appeared an obvious effort to blackjack the striking workers, Hillman said as he made the strike so-called settlement public: "We will see now who will accept responsibility for not accepting it."

SAYS MURRAY AIDED

Hillman also told the committee that he had called up CIO President Philip Murray during the lunch recess in the hearings and asked him what was being done to end the strike of members of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee at the zinc plant of the American Steel and Wire Company at Donora, Pa.

Hillman, the Associated OPM Director declared that Murray had read him a telegram "directing" strike leaders "to instruct your organization to return to work."

A few minutes later Hillman announced that he had been informed that the Donora strikers had followed Murray's orders and had gone back to work.

Hillman implied that Murray, as well as the leaders of the A. F. of L., had joined in making "commitments" to give the Defense Commission "sufficient notice" before strikes were called.

After Hillman announced that the Donora strike was settled, Rep. Hutton Summers, reactionary chairman of the Judiciary Committee, grinned and said:

"That was quick work. This committee is going to claim credit for the settlement so that it will help its members in the next election." Despite a difference between

Hillman and a number of committee members as to whether or not anti-strike legislation is necessary, relations between the Associated OPM Director and the anti-labor Congressmen remained cordial for the most part during the day.

The committee is considering a number of bills to outlaw strikes and the closed shop in "defense" plants, including the notorious Smith bill which imposes life imprisonment on strikers.

Rep. Summers declared at the hearing that the committee is "under a good deal of pressure" to enact an anti-strike bill. "If there are many more strikes, we will have to do something or we can't stay here," Summers declared.

Hillman, on the other hand, took the position that he had the situation in hand and that his efforts had decreased the number of strikes in arms plants.

"The number of man-days of idleness by reason of strikes in the last half of 1940 was 40 per cent less than in the last half of 1939," Hillman declared.

MEDIATION MOVE

Rep. Thomas Eliot of Massachusetts, administration supporter, asked Hillman what he thought of the "mediation" provisions in the Smith anti-strike bill.

Knudsen had told the committee yesterday that the Smith bill contained "some very good suggestions."

Hillman declared that "if it becomes necessary I'd prefer that it be done by executive order of the President."

"If we felt that this became necessary we'd recommend that a board be set up as in the last war."

This was Hillman's first public hint of administration plans for a war labor board with powers to blackjack strikers back to work.

Canadian Labor Demands Interned Leaders Be Freed

(By International News)

WINNIPEG, Man. (By Mail).—Immediate and unconditional release of the 36 Winnipeg labor leaders who have been interned without charge or trial was unanimously demanded by over 300 delegates and visitors who crowded the Winnipeg Tribune Auditorium last week for a conference on civil liberties.

The conference was called by the Committee of the Wives of Labor Prisoners.

Repeal of Regulation 21 of the Defense of Canada Regulations, under which internment of Canadian citizens is authorized, was urged in a resolution introduced by John McNeil, president of the Winnipeg Labor Club.

In introducing the resolution, Mr. McNeil charged that Regulation 21 was the nearest approach to fascism ever made by a Canadian government. He pointed out that under the regulation labor leaders "who are in every sense true Canadians" have been put away by "the enemies of the people who are reaping enormous profits today."

Ex-Alderman H. J. Fortin, describing the interned Winnipeg labor leaders, said that they were all anti-fascists long before the present government had ever thought of opposing Hitler or Mussolini.

Alderman Jacob Penner, a prisoner, had been one of the greatest of Winnipeg labor leaders, whose courage and sincerity won him the love and respect of thousands of people, he said. Another prisoner, F. Lynde, he recalled, was the author of the widely circulated Ukrainian pamphlet entitled "Hitler Is the Worst Enemy of the Ukrainian People."

Mrs. Jacob Penner, Mrs. Helen Krachamorsky and Mrs. Andrew Bilecki addressed the gathering on behalf of the Committee of the Wives of Labor Prisoners. They declared that the government has followed a deliberate policy of aggravating their distress by the calumnies treatment accorded them in their homes and the prisoners in the camps.

Their property has been confiscated, their relief was inadequate and the authorities were discriminating against them at the relief office, they charged. Besides this, their husbands' letters were heavily censored so that they could not communicate with them, they asserted. Mrs. Penner produced a letter written from the camp by her husband in which 16 out of the 24 lines allowed were censored.

Norman Penner, son of the interned labor leader, was chairman of the conference. A Committee for the Release of Labor Prisoners was elected and delegates urged that it begin an energetic campaign to arouse public opinion. The conference authorized the committee to send a delegation to Ottawa to demand a public inquiry into the whole internment question.

MRS. NIELSEN CHEERED URGING PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

(By International News)

WINNIPEG, Man. (By Mail).—Bringing to a close a tour during which she addressed large and enthusiastic meetings in all four of the Western provinces, Mrs. Doris W. Nielsen, M. P., told a gathering of 2,400 persons in the Walker Theatre that Canadians must win back the hard-earned democracy which the forces of finance and monopoly, using the war as an excuse, were attempting to snuff out.

"We must demand restoration of the civil liberties and rights which we have lost," she said. "As long as we are willing to see one man or woman placed in an internment camp without trial, we are not a democratic people."

The meeting was arranged by a group of prominent Winnipeg citizens and it was held under the chairmanship of the Hon. E. J. McMurray, former Manitoba attorney-general.

The meeting was the eighth addressed by Mrs. Nielsen during her tour. In a number of communities where she spoke, steps have been taken to form groups to carry forward the program for a people's movement advocated by Mrs. Nielsen in all her speeches.

In her address here, Mrs. Nielsen charged that monopoly and finance which, she said, were the same forces responsible for the rise of Hitler, were anxious to stem the democratic tide which had been mounting in Canada since 1930. These forces, she said, had taken advantage of the war to get "their Charlie McCarthy, the Dominion government," to put a clamp on expressions of democracy by putting into effect the Defense of Canada Regulations.

The hand of friendship, she said, must be extended to the common people of every country in the world. It was not the common people, but their misrulers, who made wars, she said.

"If all countries could have true government for the people, by the people," she declared, "then the world could have lasting peace."

At a luncheon attended by more than 100 prominent Winnipeg citizens on the day following the meeting, the necessity for organizing a strong group to defend democratic rights was urged by a number of speakers. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Nielsen and Professor A. R. M. Lower, president of the Winnipeg Civil Liberties Union, presided.

Letters from Our Readers

Salesmen of Death

Editor, Daily Worker:

We pay for electricity to enjoy our radio and not to listen to salesmen of death. We have too many such salesmen. For instance, 75 per cent of our representatives in Congress do nothing else but war-monger because the majority of our Congressmen are bankers. The real representatives of the people who will fight the war cannot be heard in Congressional committees, but they listen to Wall Street Salesmen like Willie H. R.

Sons and Grandsons of 1861 Rebels Leading U. S. to Ruin

Editor, Daily Worker:

Ten of the sixteen Democrats on the House Foreign Affairs Committee are from the South. The Speaker of the House is Rayburn from Texas. Eight of the sixteen Democrats on the Senate's Foreign Affairs Committee are from the South. The Chairman is George, from the State of Georgia. Also on this committee are three Southerners who today run the Senate, Barkley (Kentucky), the majority leader; Harrison (Mississippi), President pro tem and Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Byrnes (S.C.). Do not forget blatant Pepper (Florida) and Dies (Texas).

Besides the Committees on foreign affairs and top leadership, the South boasts a majority of the other leaders in both House and Senate!

Their names and rantings cover the front pages of our newspapers, their war-mongering increases in

tempo from day to day, for all-out aid for England. And why not?

Their fathers and grandfathers obtained warships, munitions, "all-out" aid short of war from this same England to conquer the North and to destroy the Union.

These sons and grandsons of the rebels of 1861 who sought to destroy and disrupt the Union are riding these United States to ruin. A. B.

'Thankful' That Dean's Book Combats Anti-Soviet Lies

Editor, Daily Worker:

During the past few years, suffering from the anti-Soviet lies of the press and poured into my ears over the radio, I longed to strike back. I hoped for some miracle by which I could disprove these lies to all the Americans that were being fooled by them. Rev. Hewlett Johnson's book comes as near to being that miracle than anything I could ever hope for.

We have often heard that the pen is mightier than the sword. The pen that wrote this book has more strength than a sword, a machine gun, a couple of tanks, a dozen bombers all combined. For this we should be more than thankful, because we need such a weapon in the fight ahead—the fight to save peace and democracy. That is why I think we should not think in terms of thousands in distributing this book.

I bought the dollar edition last Fall. I gave away six copies during the last two weeks and intend to give away 24 more copies in the coming eight weeks. A VIRGINIA FARMER.

A Most Important Feature

Editor, Daily Worker:

Lately the Daily Worker has improved greatly, especially the Workers' Correspondence, which is the most important feature in the paper now.

Many readers of the paper just read it and throw it away. I think the "Daily" should carry a box every day of the week asking readers to give the paper to their friend and neighbors. The paper must be given to the same person every day, not to different people. A. M.

'War Is Destruction—We Want None of It'

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter I sent to Senator James Mead:

"It seems to me that there is an indecent speed to pass the bill, H. R. 1776."

Reduced to the simple language of the people, it means the death sentence of just so many of our best young men. People are trying to figure out the cause of all this war hysteria. Reason and common sense dictate to us that life is what we all cherish above everything else. War is destruction—we want none of it.

H. R. 1776 spells savagery, darkness and the impotence of our government. We cannot accept this pronouncement on our civilization.

"Your constituents are speaking loud enough to be heard and heeded." E. B.

On The Score Board

Looking Over Some N.L. Rookies

By Lester Rodney

Spring training hasn't gotten into full swing yet, and it's a little early for the stories about the annual crop of second Cobbs, Ruths and Johnsons. But Bill Brand's National League Green Book, that amazing encyclopedia of information, is here, and lists the newcomers team by team. So we'll take a look at a few of the outstanding prospects before they get their gloves on.

Looking at it alphabetically, we find Boston's Bees with one red hot newcomer and a lot of boys from Hartford. Heeny Majeski is the promising one. The squat catcher from Staten Island was given a trial with the Cubs four years ago, but just about blossomed out last year with Newark, where he socked .323 and came through with a terrific .478 as the Bees beat Louisville in the Little World's Series. Heeny unloaded 17 homes during the course of the year.

Another Bee to watch for is Don Manno, a youngster from Evansville in the Class B Eye League, who came off the train into Brooklyn on Sept. 26 last and promptly belted a homer with the bases full against the Dodgers to win a ball game for Casey Stengel. Don was a three-letter man at Westchester State Teacher in Pennsylvania. He led his league in r.b.i. with 112 in 123 games last year. Works all winter hauling freight, but hopes to make big-league grade (and salary) this year.

Our Dodgers' most important rookie may be pitcher Steve Rachunok, a big, good-looking youngster who was one of the Detroit farm hands freed by Landis after winning 20 and losing 2 in the East Texas League. He's a strikeout man with a sizzling overhand fast ball. Making the big jump to the Dodgers' Montreal farm in the International, Steve opened with a five-hitter against Toronto. Came into Ebbets Field late in the season and fanned 9 Bees in losing 5-4. Both parents born in Russia, has two more ball playing brothers.

Also coming down from Montreal with more than a little promise is outfielder George Staller, named unanimously as the league's outstanding '40 rookie. The young Pennsylvania stone quarry worker whips out a wicket life-handed line drive. His .312 last year included such things as leading the league in two baggers (line drive propensity plus fast base running), three game winning ninth inning homers and a steal of home in the tenth.

The Cubs—Well you've heard all about Lou Novikoff by now. Here's the rookie of the year if the Chicago front office sends out some new contracts. Led every league he ever played in. Led Pacific Coast League by 22 points last season (.363), led in home runs, r.b.i. (171), runs scored, total hits, total bases. Has great arm, hits bad balls a la Medwick. . . . You've read about teammate Lou Stringer, the brilliant young second baseman.

Cincinnati's championship Reds have a third baseman coming up after Bill Werber's job. He's Chuck Aleno, who they called another Pie Traynor down in the Southern Association last year. Hit .332 for Birmingham and is good field.

Also up from Birmingham to Cincinnati via the sidewalks of New York is shortstop Gar Del Savio, who embarked on a baseball career seven years ago when he found he couldn't live on fine comments from metropolitan art critics on his oil paintings. Was all S.A. shortstop and hits an occasional long ball.

A Red outfield recruit to keep the eye on is Mike Dejan, S.A. batting champion from Chattanooga. Like Babe Ruth, Mike was a good southpaw pitcher, but very year was drafted for outfield slugging duty until last year he gave up and reported as an outfielder. Kiki Cuyler showed him the defensive tricks. He batted .404 and the Reds grabbed him for \$30,000 and two players. But still thinks his biggest baseball thrill was blanking the 1937 Yankees with 2 hits in 3 innings with Norfolk before they made him play right field.

More tomorrow.

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NYU '5' Still Tops When It Wants to Be

Vets Shake Seniorities in Blazing Second-Half Drive Against Fordham—Kaplowitz Drops 'em—and How

NYU, trailing Fordham at the half 26-18 and winning the game 41-35, again proved that when it wants to be it is the best basketball club around. But it has to "want to be," which translated means it has to shake off the lethargy of seniority that has sometimes come over veterans Auerbach, Stevens and Davis, and drive with all the fire and verve of last year's great outfit, from whom only Bobby Lewis was graduated.

Wednesday night the Violet senior trio, and juniors Kaplowitz and Lazar, started against Fordham as if they knew they were the better team and hence had but to go through the motions. What happened was that a very fiery and plenty good young Ram club swept them off their feet. Outfighting the shrinking Violets, cutting line streaks and getting room enough to be "hot" on their shots, Fordham actually led by 26-14 a minute before the end of the half. In that minute Frank Turner, a hustling reserve, sparked two quick field goals which cut the margin to 26-18, but few would have dreamed that those four points marked the beginnings of a surge that would account for fourteen straight points while Fordham went scoreless.

When it came out for the second half NYU was a different team. Already beaten three times, twice more than last year's club, and facing elimination from a possible berth in the March tourney, they came out and drove. They drove on the offense with all the old sparkle and brilliance of their spontaneous play making and driving under, and they drove on the defense to crowd Fordham all over the forecourt and not leave them the

Dodger Infielders In Huddle



—Low Riggs, new infield reserve from Cincinnati; Peewee Reese, Dolph Camilli, Pete Coscarari and Cooke Lavagetto get together for the first time in the 1941 season at the Havana training camp.

Mungo Leads Parade of 'Comebacks' with Dodgers

Big Van, With Bad Arm Since '39, Looks Better

The Dodger camp down at Havana, Florida, is chock full of athletes on the comeback trail. In the outfield Paul Waner is giving himself just one more try while Ducky Wucky Medwick's potent bat is indicating with robust blows that the Brooklyn regular has recovered from his unfortunate beating. In the infield Pee Wee Reese is coveting about his keystone position with youthful vigor, evidencing as yet no sign that his injury is hampering him.

But it is on the pitching staff that the Dodgers have their real story, a story that began four years ago in the 1937 All-Star game when Van Lingle Mungo, in the pride of his pitching strength, laughed off a lame back to try to hurl his smoker past the stalwart American League slugger.

For three years now the burly Dodger right hander has been haunting the difficult comeback trail. Genuinely and sincerely he has permitted his arm to be operated on, bone chips removed, muscles sliced. Expert medics have examined, and re-examined the once great arm. He's tried diathermy, surgery and new pitching methods but none of them have helped despite his record as Brooklyn's only unbeaten pitcher last year—he won one.

But this year Van must come back or he goes down, even as Dizzy went down to the depths of the minors. But Van is determined that he won't go through that ordeal. He has been thriving with his old overhand motion, and while his blinding speed now belongs to baseball's archives, his savvy has increased proportionally. Unable now to fog them past the batter as in the period of his strikethrough leadership of the league Mungo will depend on fogging the batter.

This is Van's tenth year with the team—and this is the first time they have been so close to a pennant winning nine. For sentimental reasons, if for no other, Van must come back. The fans are rooting for him from the surf off Coney Island to the Manhattan approaches of the Brooklyn Bridge.—J. J.

COURT NOTES

LIU Deals Mich. State Some of Own Medicine in Turning Tables

L. I. U., with about the best record in the East now, got hunk for one of its two defeats Wednesday night when it tripped Michigan State at East Lansing 24-23. The Staters, playing their usual ball holding, deliberate defensive game, led at the half 17-11. In the second half the Beermen returned the same kind of medicine. When they had cashed in on their few opportunities to take a 22-11 minutes with seven minutes to go, they held the ball out and played with it for six straight minutes. In the last hectic minute the teams exchanged baskets. Saul Cohen's four field goals topped the attack, Schwartz and Schneider connecting for two apiece. It was an auspicious opening for the three game tour of the Blackbirds.

These sliding zoners of Penn State, extraordinarily tough on their home court, deep in the Nittany Mountains, hung one on Georgetown 45-38 as dead eyed Johnny Barr tallied 21 points. . . . Yale almost shocked Dartmouth down at New Haven in an Ivy League tilt, losing 51-50.

Twice beaten Duncuene (only two losses in this season is sensational) took Waynesburg 38-23. The Dukes are definitely in the running for one of the six out of two spots to be filled in the March tourney. Like to see these smoothies against Rhode Island State's hell for leather high scorers.

CCNY and Brooklyn take their last scrimmages for Monday night's game, which caps a double feature that also presents LIU against Canisius. Nat Holman says Hertzberg and Fishman have won starting places along with Holman, Phillips and either Deitchman or Goldstein.

High Schools:

Although New Utrecht has faded as a schoolboy track champion in the last five years, the school from Brooklyn still holds a virtual monopoly on shot-put titles. In the seven years of the national interscholastic championships, Green and White heavyweights have won six 12-lb. shot put titles and placed second the one year they missed, in 1936.

Tucker vs. Webb Tonite For Lt. Heavy Title Shot

Return Go of Sensational September Fight—Ray Robinson in Action

The first of the two light-heavyweight matches to determine the successor to the abdicating Billy Conn as heavyweight champion takes place in Madison Square Garden tonight when Jimmy Webb of St. Louis faces Tommy Tucker of Rockaway in a fifteen round return match.

Webb, Tucker, Anton Christoforidis (who beat Bettina recently) and Gus Lesnevich were designated by the New York Commission as the contenders. The latter two meet on May 2nd, the winner to face tonight's winner for the title.

Webb and Tucker are the hardest hitters in the division, each boasting a KO record of over 50 per cent. Webb hasn't lost a fight since '39 and Tucker, has dropped but two close decisions in three years of campaigning. One of those two was a loss to Webb last September. That was a blistering battle in which Tucker had a bad cut over his eye, but floored the winner

for nine in a hectic last round.

The strong finish in that battle has led the followers of the red faced Beach boy to believe that he will turn the tables tonight.

The ten round semi-final shows ex-champ Mello Bettina, the Beacon southpaw, against Herbie Kats of Brownsville. Maxie Berger, Canadian welter contender meets Tony Ferrara, idol of Mount Vernon. And a special six of great promise shows Ray Robinson, unbeaten and classy young Negro lightweight against Bobby McIntyre of Detroit.

General admission is \$1.15 and prices scale up to \$5.75 ringside.

14 Champs Meet Tom'w

The track and field cavalcade, with six weeks of record-setting competition under their belts, send 14 of seventeen 1940 titleholders into action in the 53rd annual national A. A. U. championship at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

THE ROUND UP:

Borican After Record; Middle-Muddle Again; CCNY Trims NYU--On Screen

By Jack Jules

When there are track and field stars like John Borican, Earle Meadows, and Al Bixas, assembled for a meet as is the case in the annual AAU event at the Garden this Saturday night, some records are bound to tumble. Borican who established a record of 1:52.6 in the Halpin 880 last week is primed for an assault on the 1,000 yard record of 2:12.6 established a long, long time ago, as track time is measured, by Dr. Paul Martin. Competition will be supplied by Gene Venzke, Jim Kehoe and Lester Eisenhart. Meadows broke the world pole vault record at Boston two weeks ago by soaring 14 feet 6 and 7-8 inches into the stratosphere. With the new gadget he's invented he expects to go higher. We're afraid that if the president ever gets wind of these altitude records he'll mount the bomb sight on Meadows and lease him to Britain.

Although Ken Overlin is recognized as the middleweight champion of the world by the New

York Boxing Commission the National Boxing Association disputes that claim and puts forth a champion of its own, Tony Zale, whose claim is contested by three other leading middleweights, Steve Mamakos, whom Zale beat in an overweight match recently, former titleholder Al Hostak, and George Brunette, who is billed as the Negro middleweight champion. Tonight in Chicago Zale will battle Mamakos while Hostak and Brunette will attempt to murder each other in the supporting card. Winner will fight winner eventually and the winner (hope you are following this) more middle. Except for Ken will be champion. Therefore, no Overlin and this state's Boxing Commission plus all the other states that agree with us.

Oscar Vitt is \$2,500 richer. According to his contract the former Indian manager was supposed to get a bonus on the attendance figures. Pappa Landis made Prexy Bradley pay up and that's the last word about Vitt in Cleveland.

At the 23rd Street branch of City

College the students were celebrating the Lavender victory over NYU. Not prematurely, just again. At a Beat Brooklyn rally the films of last year's upset were run off while the students crowded into the auditorium applauded vociferously. Among the more interested spectators were the Brooklyn five, who sat in the first row so that they could scout the film better. If they lose Monday night the Kingsmen can blame it on the photography, which was as feeble as NYU's play.

The hit of the rally, however, was a wrestling film of the Leigh grapplers with a hilarious imitation of the professional burpers. Beaver Coach Sapora did a workmanlike job explaining the various holds as they were unrolled on the silent screen to the not so silent audience.

Chalky Wright chalked up another victory when he stopped Frankie Terranova in the fifth round at Allentown, Pa. Frankie was willing to come up for the sixth but the club doctor wouldn't permit him to face the sensational Negro featherweight's pummeling for another session.

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